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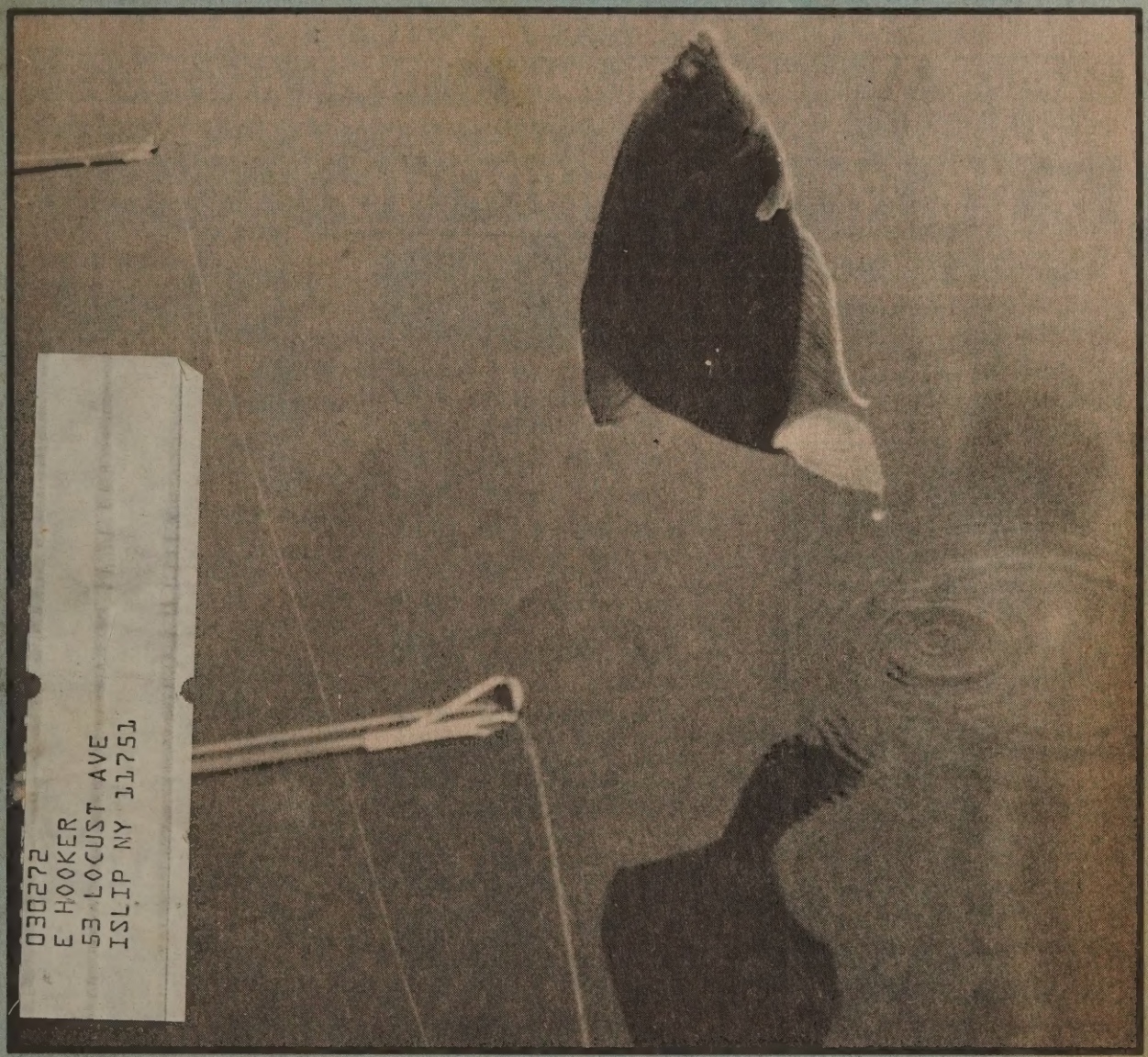

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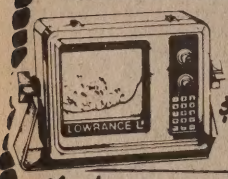

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TROUT UNLIMITED'S ANNUAL BANQUET & AUCTION SLATED FOR APRIL 15, 1983

Trout Unlimited, the conservation organization dedicated to preserving our cold water fisheries, in the second year of its National Banquet Program will take a "quantum leap" in its fund raising efforts in 1983.

On Friday night April 15, at the Salisbury Inn, East Meadow, L.I., the Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the nation's largest with over 600 members, will be offering at the Annual Banquet Auction the most unique collection of original sporting art and craft ever assembled.

Represented there with original oils will be Mr. John Green of Madison, S.D. Mr. Green, nationally prominent wildlife artist, Art Instructor at Dakota State College and winner of the Judges Order of Merit Ribbon at the National Wildlife Art Show, 1981, is well known to conversation causes.

John sold his first wildlife painting at the age of 12 and has found time between the many private commissions to lend his help to conservation programs throughout the nation. His limited edition prints and original oils have raised over $50,000 for Ducks Unlimited, the Izaak Walton Society and the Eaton Waterfowl Festival, etc.

If watercolors are more to your liking, John's father, Mr. Larry Green has agreed to provide two works for the Banquet Program.

Growing up in the early 20s and 30s in the Dakotas, Mr. Green witnessed a quality and style of sporting life that few of us will ever know. It is these images from Mr. Green's past, when it was possible to shoot 25 mallards per day and the thousands of acres of Dakota wheat were harvested with steam powered tractors that are the subject of his watercolors.

A graduate of the Minneapolis School of Art, he was accepted on scholarship to the Art Career School in N.Y. where after a week he was informed by the Director that they had "nothing more to teach him." He was then offered a position as a cartoonist with the N.Y. Times. But his love of hunting and fishing in the Midwest drew him back to South Dakota where he found a position first as Art Director with one of the Midwest's leading ad agencies and then as Director of Public Affairs with the Rural Electrification Administration.

In spite of his corporate responsibilities, Mr. Green has vigorously pursued his art. His works are part of the permanent collection of the Joslyn Art Museum of Omaha and grace the homes of such notable individuals as U.S. Senators Peter Rodino, Karl Mundt, Edmund Muskie and George McGovern. Among the many articles on his work, "Sports Afield," in the August, 1978 issue ran a four-page pictorial entitled "Hunting in the 20s...Prairie Scenes" featuring Mr. Green's watercolors.

John Gayewski, nationally famous for his "Crafted by Guy Rich" Nets and Wading Staffs, will have a one-of-a-kind set of 3 Presentation Trout Nets. A high school teacher and Montana Fishing Guide, Mr. Gayewski has been making nets for over 10 years. His trout nets are in the possession of such notable trout fisherpeople as Jimmy and Roslyn Carter and Ronald Reagan. Of particular interest, the U.S. State Department presented one of John's nets as a gift to the Prime Minister of Australia. And recently, Mr. Gayewski was commissioned by the Federation of Fly Fishermen to craft a set of 12 trout nets which are to be auctioned for the Fly Fishing Museum soon to be built in West Yellowstone, Montana.

Blending art and craft, Mr. Poul Jorgensen, world famous author, speaker and fly tyer will have at auction 2 shadow boxes of flies; a set of full dressed salmon flies mounted with a limited edition print, and a unique set of "realistic" Mayflies with their corresponding nymph patterns.

Available for the first time at any T.U. program, and the premier piece of artwork at the auction will be an original watercolor by one of the most celebrated sporting artists of our day. Recently awarded what is the "Triple Crown" in sporting art, Mr. Chet Reneson is the 1983 Trout Unlimited Artist of the Year, 1983 Atlantic Salmon Federaiton Artist of the Year and 1982 Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year.

Mr. Reneson seeks to discover on canvas the essence of "Man in Sports." Better than any other, he captures that sense of "being out there." Mr. Reneson will have a special watercolor done for the 1983 Banquet Auction.

Lastly, but what should certainly be the most exciting item available at the program, world famous rod builder, author, and film-maker, Mr. Hoagy Carmichael will build a unique three piece bamboo fly rod with custom up-locking reel seat with retractable "sand spike." Mr. Carmichael, co-author with Mr. Everett Garrison of "How to Build a Bamboo Fly Rod," film-maker on the same topic, and the subject of a **National Geographic** article on the many uses of bamboo, is recognized as one of the finest rod builders in the world. In the small fraternity of rod builders, he is one of only two or three who use no milling machines to split or plane the bamboo strips.

In addition to the method of hand planing, the unique sand spike reel seat is designed and fabricated completely by Mr. Carmichael.

The entire collection will be on view

at Sportsman's Edge Ltd., 136 E. 74th St., NYC, 212-249-5010, from March 15 until March 31 and Anglers Ruff, 19 Glen Head Rd., Glen Head, Long Island, 516-676-0087, from April 4 through April 14.

It will be an historic evening; don't miss it. For more information and tickets, contact Mr. Mike Greco, Chairman, 1983 L.I.T.U. National Banquet Committee, **516-938-5200.**

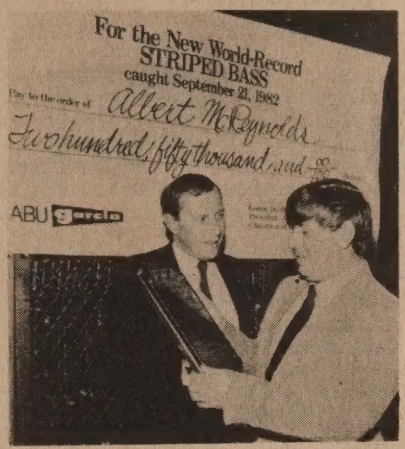
BOATING SAFETY AND CATCHING FLOUNDER

On Wednesday, March 23, the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County are pleased to have Mr. Dean Potter, an expert on boating safety, as their guest speaker. Mr. Dean Potter, a member of the Palisades Power Squadron, will detail those important points that fishermen should follow so that fishing from boats can be fun and safe as well.

Additionally, Mr. Joseph Platoni, Education Chairman of the Salt Water Anglers, will pass out flounder hooks and give a presentation on how to tie and prepare flounder hook rigs that produce results. He will also tell the "how to" of catching those flatties which will be stirring with the warming weather.

The public is warmly invited to attend the first education meeting for 1983 of the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County. The meeting will start on March 23, at 8PM, at the American Legion Post #170 at 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, New Jersey. Free refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Anyone desiring additional information on this educational meeting or the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County can call President John Toth at (201) 569-3218.



MC REYNOLDS CATCHES FISH AND FORTUNE

Last September, Albert McReynolds was leading a perfectly ordinary life in Atlantic City, N.J. A Teamster who unloads exhibits for conventions, and a lifeguard for 20 years with the Atlantic City Beach Patrol, McReynolds worked hard to make ends meet for his wife and three young children. For fun, he went fishing—just as often as possible.

But today, strangers stop McReynolds on the street just to shake hands. He has just won a quarter-million dollars from ABU-Garcia, a major manufacturer of fishing tackle.

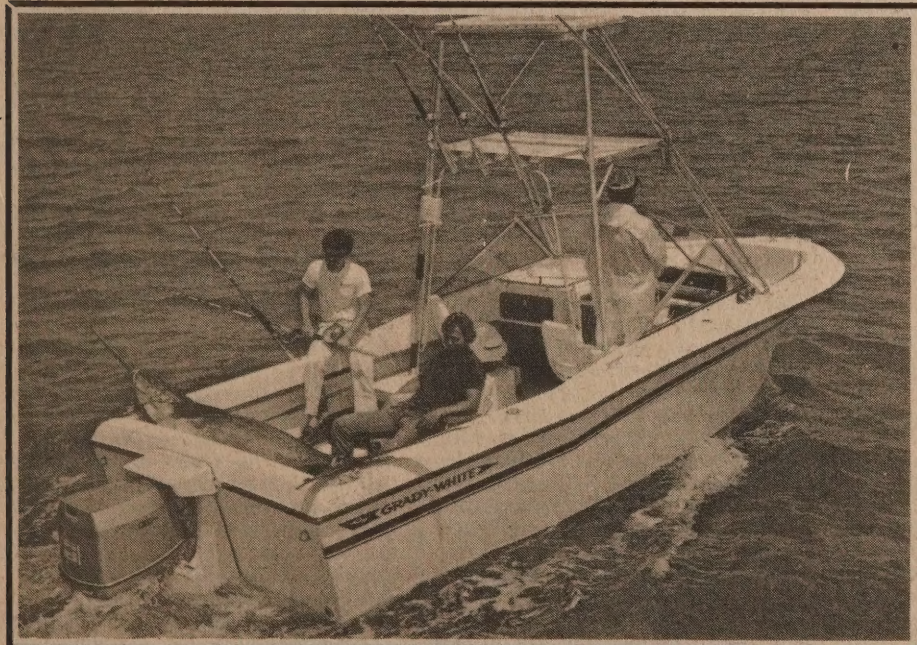
And all it took was one big fish.

Last September 21, McReynolds landed a 78½ lb. striped bass on 20 lb. test line. The fish broke two International Game Fish Association (IGFA) world records, in the all-tackle and 20 lb. test categories. It also made McReynolds the first winner in the $1,000,000 Reward Fishing Contest sponsored by ABU-Garcia.

The contest offered prizes of $250,000 each for world record catches in four fish categories: striped bass, trout, salmon and largemouth bass. The ABU-Garcia prize is the largest amount of money ever paid for a fish.

For McReynolds, 36, the catch was the peak experience in 25 years of fishing, and the money was a God-send. He and his family had been living in a motel without a car or telephone. Buying a car is one of two things he intends to do with the money; the other is to establish a trust fund for his children's college education.

Beyond that, McReynolds hopes to keep life on an even keel. "I'm going to do what I've always done, what I enjoy doing," he says. For Al Mc-



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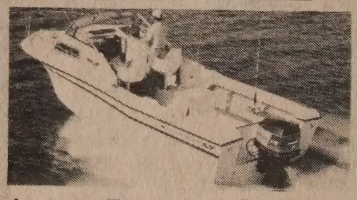
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Reynolds, that means fishing—sometimes seven days a week.

Only a true angling enthusiast would have ventured out the night McReynolds landed his world class bass. A storm was kicking up six foot waves at the jetty where McReynolds and his buddy, Pat Erdman, decided to try their luck.

When action came, it came fast. McReynolds felt a wild, thudding strike. It was the beginning of an almost two-hour battle that would leave him wet, exhausted and richer by $250,000.

The fish quickly stripped almost all 225 yards of line right off the spool. But then it made a sudden turn south, giving McReynolds a chance to gain line back.

For another hour, man and fish fought it out. McReynolds finally brought the fish near the rocky shore, close enough to make a gaff shot. Close enough, too, to see that the fish was bigger than any he'd ever hooked. At that point, McReynolds says, "my knees just buckled under me."

The gaff shot was weak, and McReynolds thought he'd lose his monstrous catch. "At that point, anything could have gone wrong. The line, the tackle, anything," he says. But nothing did go wrong. He was able to pull the fish close enough to slip his hand in its gill plate and drag it ashore.

By then it was almost midnight, and no weighing station was open. The men wrapped the fish in a blanket and kept fishing through the night, occasionally pouring water over the big one to minimize any weight loss.

The next morning, three weighmasters witnessed the weighing of the bass. Even after seven hours out of the water, it was clearly a world record catch. Experts have estimated that up to 10 percent of its body weight may have dehydrated overnight.

McReynold's catch leaves three ABU-Garcia contest categories open: salmon, trout and largemouth bass. The $1,000,000 Reward Fishing Contest is open to everyone who registers, and applies to catches made now through August 31, 1983.

Registration blanks for the ABU-Garcia contest can be obtained from ABU-Garcia dealers or by writing to: Drawing Registration, ABU-Garcia, P.O. Box 4920, Blair, Neb. 68009.

OUTCAST ANGLERS HOLD AWARDS DINNER

The annual Outcast Anglers Dinner-Dance held at the John Peel Room, Westbury on February 26, saw the following awards issued to members:

Bluefish—Phil Cook, 17.8.
Flounder—Mickey Goldstone, 2.4
Blackfish—Al Schroeder, 8.2
Weakfish—Bob Bauman, 14 lbs.
Striped Bass—Ed Hanley, 37.8
Fluke—Tom Meserole, 11.11
Weakfish—Lee Meyer, 10 lbs.
Bluefish, Surf—Peter Martin, 16.2
Fluke, surf—Rudy Salegna, 3.10

Fisherman of the Year was Peter Martin.

ATLANTIC PROFESSIONAL BOATMAN'S ASSOCIATION HOLDING ANNUAL DINNER

The Atlantic Professional Boatman's Association will hold their annual dinner/meeting at the Coral House, Milburn Avenue, Baldwin, New York on Wednesday, April 6th.

The festivities will include music, full course prime rib dinner, unlimited drinks, introduction of officers for the 1983-84 season and a raffle of tackle.

This affair is limited to 125 persons and the price of tickets are $25 each for members, $30 each for non-members. Application for membership will be available that evening.

All interested parties should contact the Dinner Chairman, Capt. Robert Bozek, 154 Hendrickson Ave., Rockville Centre, NY 11570 or call him at (516) 764-0284 (evenings) to reserve tickets.

This should be a good way to start the new season!

LAST CALL FOR CAUMSETT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Applications for 1983 Caumsett State Park Fishing Permits are now available at Caumsett State Park and Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission Headquarters, Belmont Ave., No. Babylon. Applications, which must be submitted not later than the close of business on MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1983, may also be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Caumsett Fishing, P.O. Box 247, Babylon, NY 11702.

The Caumsett State Park Fishing Permit allows bona fide sport fishermen (who have fishing equipment, bait and½or lures) to drive to and from the fishing parking area ONLY and are valid from April 1 to December 31, 1983, during hours and days specified by the Park Superintendent only.

A lottery system will be used to issue a total of 450 permits, for which there is an annual fee of $10. The drawing will be held at 2 PM on THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1983, at Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission Headquarters. Applications will be assigned numbers according to the order in which they are drawn, up to 600. (Applicants are invited to attend the drawing). Permits will be issued to the first 450; the next 150 will be placed on a waiting list.

The $10 annual fee IS NOT to be submitted with applications. Following the March 24 drawing, all applicants will be notified as to whether or not they are among the 450 to receive a permit (and/or the 150 to be placed on the waiting list). Those 450 successful in the drawing will then be required to submit the $10 fee and will receive their permit by return mail, or may pick up their permit at

Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission Headquarters.

Applicants are reminded that ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER PERSON/VEHICLE/HOUSEHOLD will be accepted. Duplications will result in cancellation of ALL applications for person/vehicle/household.

IMPORTANT—1983 Fishing Permits will NOT be issued to any individual whose 1982 Sport Fishing, Beach Vehicle and/or Caumsett Fishing Permit was revoked. These persons will not be eligible for Long Island State Park and Recreation Commission fishing permits until 1984.

BABYLON CAPTAIN'S ASSOC. MAKING BIG STRIDES

The Babylon Captain's Association recently met at Capt. Jack's Bait and Tackle Shop in Amity Harbor to hold election of officers for 1983. Captain Fred Kieser, Scamp IV, was elected President; Capt. Ray Nettuno, Cindy Ann II, Vice President and Capt. Ralph Green, Mrs. G., Secretary/Treasurer. New members taken in were: Capt. Freddie Corbett, Water Witch II; Capt. Fritz Mueller, No-Show; and Bill McCluskey of the Babylon Fishing Station. Captain Jack Stoddard announced a 56 foot, 42 passenger boat "Luci III" and will be sailing it this summer.

With the addition of the new members and boats, the Babylon Captain's Association, sailing from the Municipal Dock in Babylon Village, is now a full service fishing organization offering bait and tackle, open and charter boats, fuel and rowboat rentals.

At a special meeting on February 24th, Babylon Village Trustee Don Conroy met with the B.C.A. to discuss how the village and the B.C.A. can work together to improve the marine industry in the Village of Babylon.

WINNER OF ELDRED PRESERVE TOURNEY ANNOUNCED

Stanley Smith, Godeffroy, N.Y., was the overall winner of the 13th Annual February Ice Fishing Tournament at Eldred Preserve in the Catskills. It earned him an all-expense weekend for two at the fishing resort.

Prizes are awarded to the three top anglers each week, and Mr. Smith had won the third week's contest with two rainbows, with a total weight of 4.6 and a combined length of 33½ inches.

The winner for the fourth week of the tournament, which ended Saturday, Feb. 26, was Andrew Carol, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who had the largest two trout, weighing a total of 4 lbs., 2 oz. and a combined length of 33 inches. In second place was Hiroshi Nakahara, Palisades Park, N.J., with two fish with a total weight of 3 lbs. 12 oz. and a combined length of 33½ inches. In third place was Paul Sudell, Greenwich, Conn., with two trout weighing 3 lbs. 12 oz. and a combined length of 33¼ inches. All received gift certificates as prizes.

THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE:

STUFFED FLOUNDER ROLEOS

by Eileen Regina

I hate that lovey-dovey, forever-on-a-honeymoon bit some couples put on in a wasted effort at trying to make some kind of an impression, somehow, some way on visitors. You know what I mean, it goes like this: "What would you like for dinner, dear?" "I don't know, sweetheart, anything will be fine." It goes on and on, back and forth for hours it seems, but it works. It accomplishes its purpose! You go home with a suddenly-developed case of Legionaire's Disease (or some such rare malady) and the loving couple wind up going out to dinner—in most cases, the local MacDonald's for some real gourmet food! I'd much rather be approached and told the truth. "We always go to Big Mac on Monday night (or Tuesday, or whatever). "Would you like to come along with us tonight, as our guest, of course?" The rules of this game call for the visitor to graciously bow out at this point, whereby the phonies go about their business in their usual manner, which is what they wanted all along anyway!

At our house, the game doesn't get involved. We do not go out much in the first place and are usually more direct in the second place, calling a spade a spade when necessary. My query gets answered with an, "I don't care what you make, as long as you start soon!"—there is no room left for argument or debate! My problem is how to keep appetites interested where fish is concerned. There's no sweat with shellfish of any type, made in any manner whatsoever, as long as the sauce is red and the pasta is linguine. And everybody loves fish, as long as it is flounder fillet! Period! As you can see, there's not too much you can do under circumstances such as these. What we end up with is either a new variation on an old theme or something entirely different that was sold with a vivid imagination (great snow-job). Today's recipe is authentic and falls into neither category. It is unique, it is truly made with flounder fillets, and it is delicious.

STUFFED FLOUNDER ROLEOS
(serves 4)

Ingredients:
4 flounder fillets, 6 oz. ea.
2 tsp. margarine
½ cup onion, finely diced
1 clove garlic, minced
¼ cup celery, finely diced
¼ cup carrots, finely diced
¼ cup red bell peppers or pimientos, minced
1 cup mushrooms, thinly sliced
1 tbs. plus 1 tsp. each of grated parmesan & mayonnaise
1 tbs. lemon juice
½ tsp. Dijon style mustard
1 tbs. fresh parsley, chopped
1 pinch thyme leaves
1 dash each, salt & white pepper

In small non-stick skillet, heat margarine until bubbly. Add onion and garlic and saute briefly, but do not brown. Add celery, carrots, and minced peppers. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally, until veggies become tender, about 5 mins. Add mushrooms, salt, white pepper and thyme; continue to cook until all moisture has evaporated. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 400°. Place 1/4 of the prepared mushroom mixture in center of each fillet and roll fillet to enclose filling. In shallow, 2-quart casserole, arrange stuffed fillets, seam side down.

In small bowl, combine cheese, mayonnaise, lemon juice and mustard. Spread 1/4 of this mixture over each rolled fillet. Notice how everything keeps coming out nice and even? I mean, no leftover parts, nothing short or over? One time I made this same recipe with six fillets because Andy's brother was staying for dinner, but it never came out right that time, so I keep it in fours now.

Anyhow, pop that casserole into the oven and cook that stuff until it gets lightly browned, about 20 minutes. Remove from the oven, garnish with parsley, and serve immediately.

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Custom Rod Questions & Answers

Being a custom rod builder I get to talk to many fishermen each season. When a person comes to my shop to buy a new rod (or the components to build one), they usually have a few questions. With a few exceptions, the questions are basically the same. I'm going to attempt to answer some of the more frequently asked questions concerning custom fishing rods and components.

Question #1. "I'd really like to build my own custom rod, but I can't because....?" The last part of the question varies, but the answer remains constant. Anyone with a little time, patience, and desire can build a custom rod.

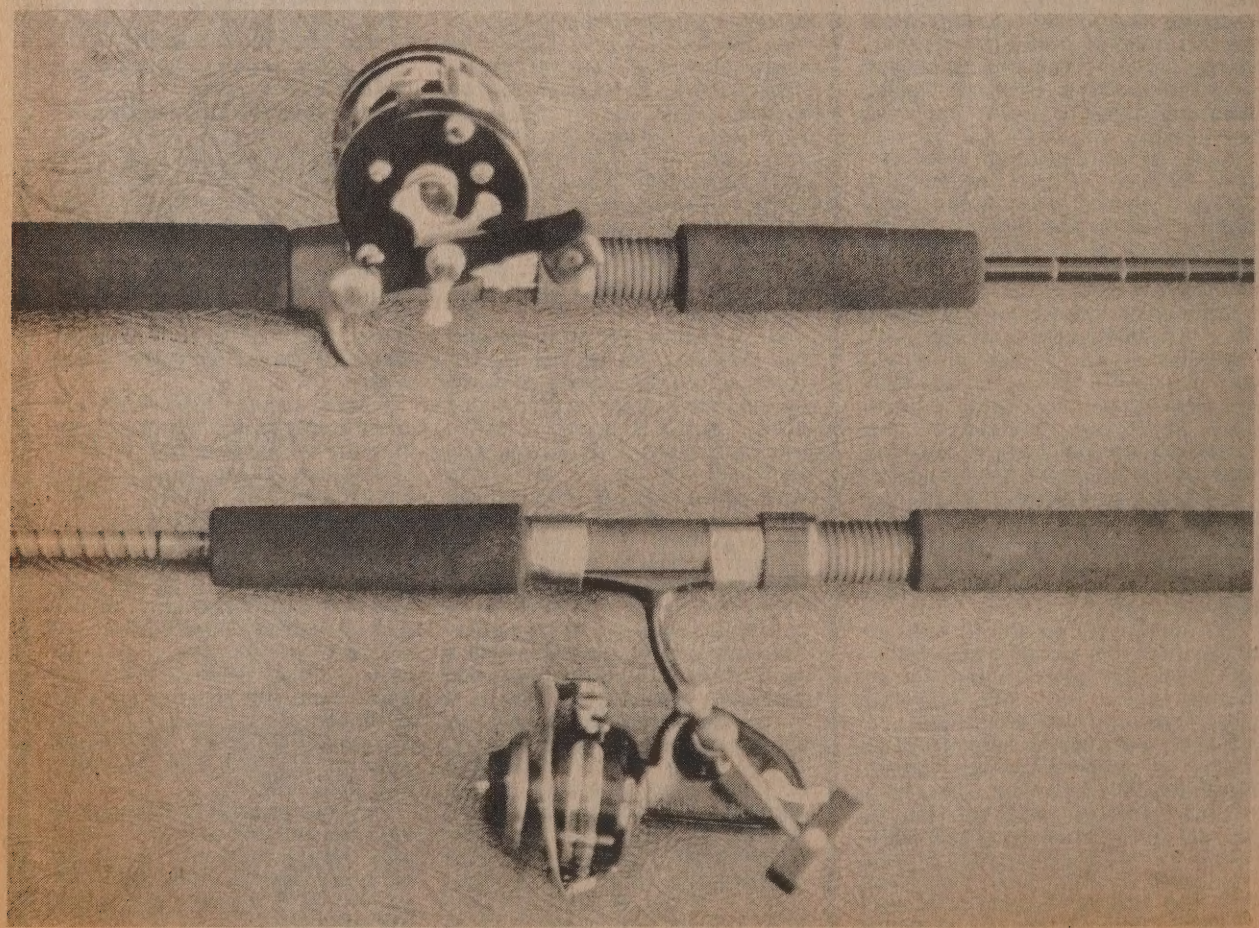
There are many books on the market that show how to build a custom rod. Some are well written; some are not. I'm not going to recommend a specific book because I don't feel that this is the best method of learning to build custom fishing rods. You could spend days reading books, or an hour with an experienced builder, and you'd learn more from him. There are many rod building classes and clinics available—just check some of the ads in The Fisherman. Most builders will offer help to the novice on a one to one basis.

Question #2. "What type of rod do you think is best, spinning or conventional?" I can answer this question with a brief story.

My buddy Kevin and I were heading down to Fortescue, on the Delaware Bay, a few seasons back. On the way I told Kevin about my new outfit. I had just completed a 6½ ft. popping rod and matched it up with a Penn 109 MS level-wind reel and 15 pound line. I explained to my friend that this was really the way to go and I no longer planned to use spinning equipment in the Bay. He just nodded.

We ran out to a spot that had been productive the week before. Kevin cast out a three-quarter ounce bucktail and I cast out a—spider. The biggest, most tangled backlash I ever saw. Kevin controlled his laughter, I controlled my temper and in about 15 minutes I was ready to go again. Not being one to let a rod and reel get the best of me I tried to cast again. Result: another giant backlash. I decided to switch to spinning tackle rather than waste more fishing time untangling monofilament.

My point. I was not used to casting with conventional tackle. There was nothing wrong with my equipment; I just was not proficient at using it. The "best" outfit for me that day was spinning. Use the tackle that you are comfortable with. The question of spinning vs. conventional is one that you must answer for yourself. The



Conventional or spinning—which one is the best for YOU?

time for experimenting with new tackle is not during prime fishing time.

Question #3. "I want you to build me a rod just like my friend had built last year, but can you make it a two-piece rod?" I get this request quite often, but before building a two-piece rod for a customer I first offer them a bit of advice.

You know the "weak link on a chain" adage—well, the weakest part of a fishing rod is where the two pieces join—the ferrule. It does not take a genius to figure out how to eliminate this problem: build a one-piece rod.

I know, you can't transport a one-piece rod as easily as one that breaks down into two pieces. My one-piece, 13 foot surf rod has created many transportation problems. But these problems are well worth solving. Sacrifice a little convenience for a better (stronger) fishing rod.

Question #4. One request I hear quite often is "Will you build me a custom graphite rod? I really need one because I fish for..." (Fill in the blank with your favorite species of fish.) I tell the customer I would be happy to build it—they smile and ask how much. The smile soon disappears. A quality graphite blank (and the components to assemble it properly) is expensive.

The next question is one that I usually ask a potential "graphite" customer. "Do you really need a graphite rod or would a quality fiberglass rod be just as effective?"

As mentioned above, the cost of a good graphite blank is high. The amount of graphite in the blank and the quality control standards of the manufacturer will separate a good blank from one of lesser quality.

Now, back to the question: why (or why not) graphite? There are many instances where graphite offers a big advantage: on a freshwater worm rod, on ultra-light rods, on fly rods, and so on. In each case, the reason for graphite superiority may differ, but weight, sensitivity, and recovery rate are the general advantages of graphite.

In many cases a quality fiberglass rod, assembled using good components and balanced to your favorite reel, will be just fine. The choice is yours—is the extra cost of graphite going to put more fish in the box?

One thing that I would like to emphasize—don't be fooled into buying a cheaply made rod assembled on an inferior blank. You'll be wasting your money as it will not satisfy you in the long run.

If you are still puzzled about any aspect of custom rod building I might offer a suggestion. Give a local custom rod builder a call; they'll be more than happy to assist you. If you need help in picking the components for your next (or first) custom rod, don't be afraid to ask. A custom rod, assembled with quality components, balanced, and built to do a specific job is truly a joy to fish with.

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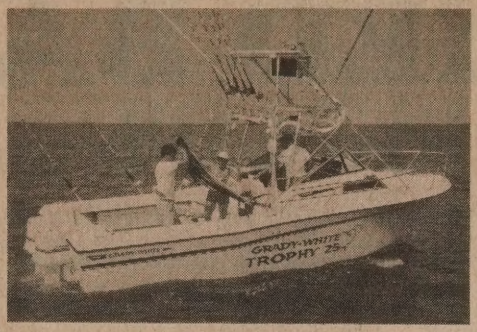

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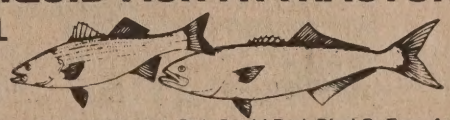

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THE ONE ARMED BANDIT

by Kevin Bogan

Fishermen looking to add a bit more excitement and sport to their fishing activities have turned to the one-handed casting rod. In freshwater fishing, this rod had become as much a part of the fishing as the fisherman himself. It's one-handed casting design is designed to be a true extension of the angler's casting arm, thus providing the best sensitivity available in nearly all rods and it's a sharpshooter deluxe for casting distance and accuracy.

Over the past few years their popularity has increased in the salt-water field as well. Fishing light bucktails for weakfish or fluke becomes a pleasure. And hooking into a big blue, albacore or bonito, well, you really have your hands full then (pun intended). Whatever your style may be, this rod can add plenty of fun to the sport.

Modern day bait casting reels have been engineered to work like a fine watch. Precision is the name of the game with features like anti-backlash control, one-hand casting, level wind mechanisms, centrifugal brakes, lightweight design and there's plenty more features. Of all the reels made by numerous manufacturers, I can safely say that more thought and effort has been put into the making of these bait casters.

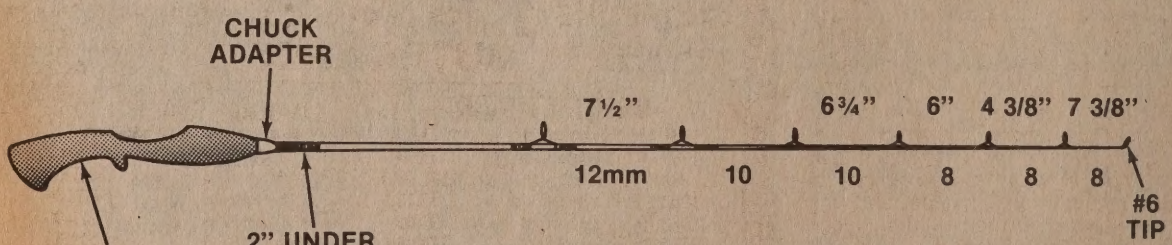
The price range for these beauties usually start in the $40 bracket and can be as high as $100 plus. Whatever you choose, you can be sure that honest effort and craftsmanship has been incorporated into the design of the reel.

Should you decide to purchase an outfit like this, your best choice of blanks would be graphite. Graphite blanks cost more than fiberglass, but they really perform for the extra bucks. Besides, casting and worm blanks as they're called, are not priced high anyway. You could probably build a good graphite casting rod for the same price or less than the casting reel itself. Boron blanks are another hot new product, but they're very expensive which should be taken into consideration. If you've got the bucks feel free to look into Boron.

The Blank: Casting blanks are usually designed to handle lure weights ranging from roughly one-quarter ounce with a few of the "heavies" being able to throw one to two ounces.

Study a blank catalog to see which blank best fits the weight range of your favorite lures. Freshwater casting rods most often are designed with 3/16-3/4 oz. of weight in mind, which is the average weight seen in plastic worms, spinner, spoons and small plugs. The heavyweights (3/4-

ONE ARMED BANDIT
(FENWICK GCA 555)



FUJI SVLG Casting Guides
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BLANK ALTERNATIVES:

GRAPHITE-	**LOOMIS GW 483, 523** **LAMIGLAS 56 MH** **SHAKESPEARE #9267**
BORON-	**SHAKESPEARE 8330B** **FENWICK XCA 556**
FIBERGLASS-	**FENWICK CA 556** **DYNALEX 4562** **LAMIGLAS SWR 633M** **LAMIGLAS SWR 632F**

GUIDE ALTERNATIVES:

FUJI NHG
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1½ oz.) are designed for larger freshwater jointed plugs, large spinners and a variety of saltwater lures such as bucktails, Hopkins, small jigs and tube lures, to name a few.

As with casting reels, casting blanks may very well be the pride and joy of blank manufacturers. They put as much heart into the design of these "water pistols" as the reel manufacturers put into their reels. With this in mind, any of the blanks I have listed in my components diagram will be ideal choices. They are all designed around the 1/4-3/4 oz. lure weight range which should fit the bill for most freshwater and light saltwater situations. I also recommend the use of the "handle or grip assembly" in the parts list for these blanks.

I will give specific guide spacing distances for my own favorite which is the Fenwick #GCA 555. Its recommended weight range is 1/4-3/4 oz., but it can easily toss around one ounce or better without softening up.

The Grip: "Pistol grip" casting handles are distributed by Fuji, Featherweight, J. Lee Cuddy and all three have some great designs. They conform to fit right in the "grip" of your hand and they have a trigger molded into them allowing you to "fire away" casts without effort throughout the day. One of the best and lightest is the Fuji #GBBC which is composed of graphite and vinyl for comfort and it accepts a wide range of interchangeable "chuck-type" adapters making it possible to build several rods in different lure weight classes using the same handle for each rod. Just match your rod blank butt diameter to the inside diameter of the chuck adapter.

No other grip materials are needed for a rod of this type, but it is advisable to wrap from the adapter fitting towards the tip a couple of inches to strengthen the blank where it joins the adapter.

Guides: Fuji makes two similar designs of casting guides which I feel are good choices for a precision bait caster. The #SVLG Hardloy which is a super smooth oxide guide and the "SVSG" which is their deluxe silicon carbide casting guides.

Both guides are at different price ranges (silicon being very high) and both offer "glass-like" surfaces for the least amount of line wear and drag while fighting a fish. They also have very light but sturdy frames making for a deadly "gun barrel" in the finished product. Elevation from the blank surface has been a priority in the design of these guides, making guide spacing easy.

Tips: Bait casting reels can provide years of service but special care must be taken to keep them in top working order. Saltwater is the granddaddy of corrosive elements and it can break down the metals in a bait caster in no time at all if the reel is not constantly maintained. Be sure to consult your owner's manual on the proper cleaning and lubrication after saltwater use.

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MAKE MINE FILLET

by Andy Regina

The author's approach to Western Sound flounder has withstood the test of time. It has also produced some surprisingly large flatties for these parts.

The boat drifted quickly, urged on by a strong receding tide and a brisk breeze. We were about 50 feet off the beach and running parallel to it, in about six feet of water, but we would soon be forced to leave because that six foot depth became six inches at dead low tide. The "we" mentioned here was Joe Batista and me, and we were in Joe's "Georgia-B II," as usual, fishing for flounder in our end of Long Island Sound, which is the extreme western portion.

"Let's run back and get at least one more good drift here," Joe said, "before we run out of water, okay?" For assent, I reeled my line in and layed my rod against the side of the boat, as Joe fired up the big Johnson and swung the boat around in a wide turn. As we ran back to our starting point, I looked in the fishbox and checked our catch. There were a couple of dozen big, fat flounder in the box, the result of two previous drifts. If our next drift proved as successful, we would be back at our dock with a good catch of big flounder only about three hours after we had initially started out.

We had started catching fish from the very beginning of our first drift, and were extremely selective with our keepers. Not that there were any throwbacks, not by normal standards anyway, but we had decided to keep only the big flounder, the one to three pound fish that would make decent fillets. Any fish less than one pound were released unharmed, to hopefully grow up and be caught another day. The fickle fish gods had been uncommonly kind to us that day. Not only was the day sunny and mild, but the fish had been highly cooperative also. Usually, me and Joe catch a beating from the weather and the fish seem to develop lockjaw.

Both Joe and I like to fish for flounder. Not only are they the first fish available to us after a long winter of boredom, they are available within our immediate area. At times, we are actually fishing for them within ten or fifteen minutes of our dock. Added to this is the fact that they are generally very cooperative when it comes to getting caught, and can raise their own little hell when taken on light tackle. And above and beyond all of these desirable assets reigns the cold, plain truth that these little flatfish are delicious to eat, which might be the predominant factor for their world-wide desirability. Easy to cook and adaptable to many recipes, their firm, sweet, white flesh is most enjoyed by the Regina family in the form of fillets. Joe's family likes them on the bone, and Georgia has some good recipes for that style, but they all love fillets, too. Who doesn't? So, over the past few years, we have developed our own techniques for catching the big flounder that we seek for fillets. They are unique and may not work well any place other than here; we don't know because we never tried them outside of western Long Island Sound. They may also clash with everything you have been programmed to accept as standard flounder fishing techniques, and you may not agree with us at all. The choice, however, is up to you; and we ask you to give our technique a fair try before you start yelling at us!

A couple of big Western Sound flatties taken by the author and Joe Batista.

First of all, to catch any fish, your shot at success is better when you know all there is to know about your quarry. The more you know of any fish and its life-style, the better your chances of success will be, and in this respect the flounder is no different from any other fish.

Inshore, the fish prefer a bottom of soft, rich mud or sand, especially if it is laden with minute crustacea and mollusks, or tiny sea worms. Offshore, hard bottom is as preferable as soft; flounder are found on muddy sand, clear sand, clay, or gravel. In our area we look for a combination of sand and mud containing patches of eelgrass, clean sand sprinkled with pebbles or gravel, and deep holes in creeks, channels, and estuaries, especially at low tide. Mussel beds and partly rocky clean bottoms also attract big flounder. These jumbos also show a preference for moving tides and fast currents, cool clean water, and depths ranging from five to fifteen feet. The gravel beaches of Long Island's north shore are ideally suited in this respect, with clean, fairly deep water close to shore and an over-abundance of shell life.

Armed with this information, study of nautical charts for our end of the Sound revealed many potential areas. Oddly enough, we found that most of these areas occurred where a channel bent around a point of land. The areas we selected all had the same desirable features: fast water, desired depths, and clean, gravel-strewn sand as the major bottom composition. Wishing to minimize our travel time in an

attempt to lengthen our fishing time, we set boundary limits. Peacock Point would be our easternmost boundary; the western boundary was no problem—we were it!

Our first trips are made early, either in front of the jetty at Peacock Point or opposite the old cement wall off Matinecock Point. By early, I mean the first or second week of March, before st. Paddy's Day. These two areas consistently seem to produce flounder in the two to three pound class early in the season, but by the end of March the big boys get replaced with the small stuff, then the bergalls take over.

So, if we score well early at our first choices, we start working the next biggie area before the end of the month. If the big fish are late showing up at Peacock or Matinecock, we persist in our efforts there until the first week of April. Our log shows big fish caught there as early as March 5th; the log also shows that at times no big fish were taken until as late as March 28th. I guess it has something to do with the severity of the preceding winter, and prevailing water temperatures. I honestly do not know. One spring, after the Sound had been frozen over from City Island to Pelham Bay, and people actually walked across it, big flounder hit like gangbusters very early (that was our March 5th entry). The latest entry occurred after a normal winter with little or no freeze-up; so you can draw your own conclusions. What we neglected to do each year was to actually read existing water temperature with a thermometer, which would have eliminated a lot of guesswork. But we ain't too bright, as you have probably figured out for yourselves by this time.

Anyhow, the second stop on our fillet express is invariably Eastchester Bay, way inside near the Pelham Bay Bridge, just before the Bay becomes Eastchester Creek. We work the west side of the black can that marks one edge of the channel, opposite the garbage dump. If that spot does not produce, we shift to the other side of the channel and fish east a bit, directly off Turtle Cove. Both of these spots usually produce from late March through early April, with the second week of April usually seeing us drifting along the Country Club and Tremont shore lines, from the old, broken pier west, towards the Throgg's Neck Bridge. When we get to the middle of April, our search brings us back off the north shore again, this time to a little beach outside of Port Washington. By the end of the month it seems that almost all the giant flounder have disappeared, but by then we are usually getting set to attack other species, like mackerel, blackfish and striped bass.

Now for the controversy! We DO NOT go by the book for our big flounder fishing. In fact, we do everything in direct contrast to techniques drilled into fishermen for as long as I can remember, and most likely from a helluva lot longer than that! First of all, we never anchor. All of our biggie fishing is done while drifting; the only possible exception could be when the breeze is too strong to allow proper drifting, and if it blows that hard, you're better off staying at the dock! So, because we drift, we never use chum, which would be wasted with this method. While we agree that chumming very often can make the difference between so-so catches and great catches, it is worthless if you do not stay put. Our bait is always sandworms, no ifs, ands, or buts about it! I realize that clams can turn flounder on lots of times, and that mussels just can't be beat for chum and bait, according to some supposed experts. I also realize that different baits work better in different areas and at different times, and I keep this in mind for when I fish someplace else at another time. But the bait that produces most consistently for us here in the Sound is sandworms, so that's what we use. It's as simple as that!

So, no anchoring and chumming, and nothing but sandworms for bait, right? If that shakes you up, catch this: we DO NOT use sinkers painted school bus yellow, or flounder hooks! In fact, we fish for big flounder with bucktail jigs! All we do is tie a jig to the end of our line, tip it with four or five inches of sandworms, and let it bounce and drag along the bottom as we drift. If you think that flounder will not hit jigs, you have a lot to learn. Just ask any beach rat worth his salt. When that water is cold and they're fishing small bucktails on light sticks from the beach for school bass, they are often plagued by sundials that hit their lures. Now, this is one more type of flounder, a cousin to our winter flounder. If they hit jigs, so will their cousins. How we actually found out for sure dates back to our own days as a beach rat, a long time ago. Fishing off Wildwood State Park one spring, I decided to try for some early bass while waiting for spiked rods to show some signs of life. I grabbed a one-handed spinning rod, tied on a small jig, tipped it with a piece of sandworm because I didn't have pork rind or squid, and began working the beach. I was surprised when I caught a big flounder instead of a bass, and attributed it to coincidence. When I ended up with eight or nine big flounder caught on jigs, coincidence became replaced by reality—a jig and worm raises hell with big flounder!

From a drifting boat, we use tandem-tied bucktail jigs, and very often come up with a double-header of flounder that totals five or six pounds. And the fish hit hard. There is none of that shy, hesitant, sucking-in that we associate flounder fishing with. Using light and ultra-light tackle not only heightens the enjoyment, but is often imperative towards getting those tiny jigs down on the bottom. So, for something new or different, keep an open mind. Perhaps you, too, like me, can reply when asked how you like your fish, "make mine fillets!"

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EXPLORING THE DEPTHS

★ THE TRANSDUCER ★

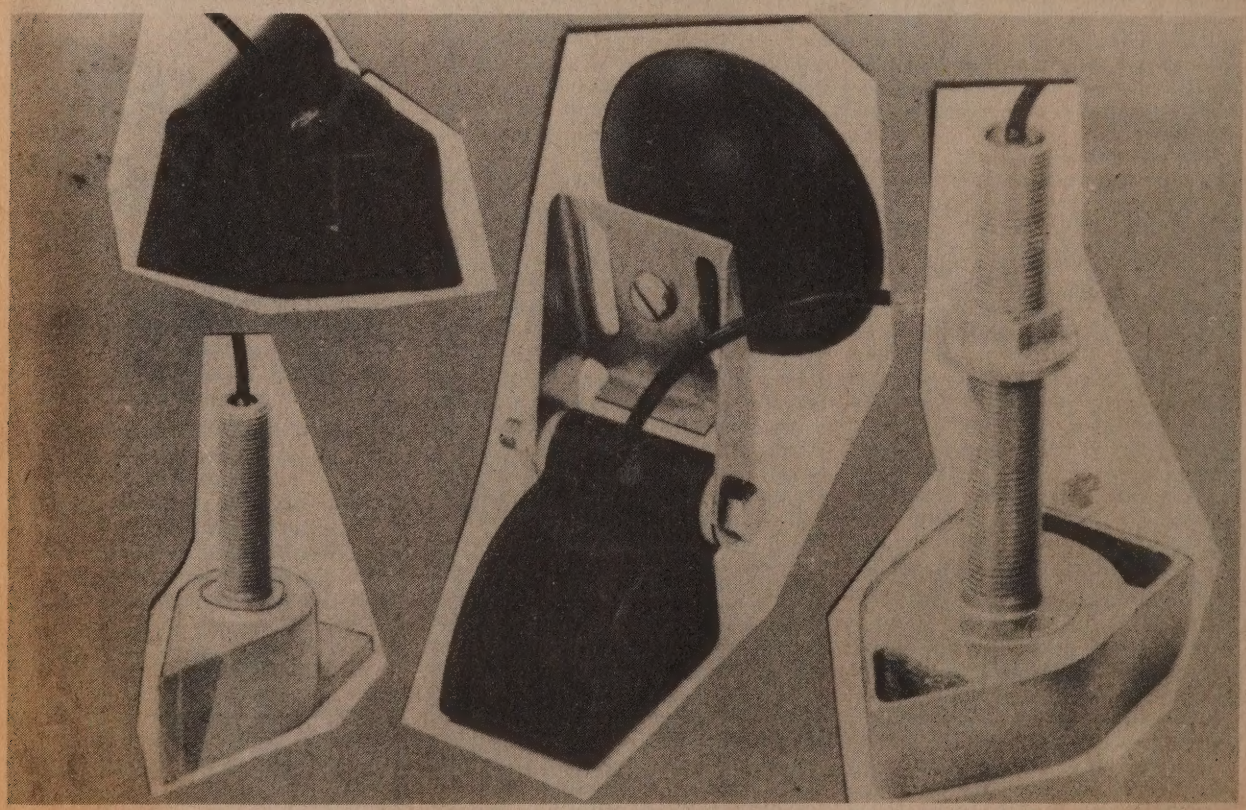
Part Three — *by Newt Lewis*

The last item of depth sounder selection, and probably the least publicized is the SHAPE of the transducer and where it will be mounted. Where the transducer is mounted will determine what shape to purchase. There are three different location areas about the hull: through the hull, inside the hull, and on the transom.

The through the hull installation requires the drilling of a hole through the hull, in the aft section that always remains in the water while on plane. In a trailerable or like size hull which has a thinner hull than a big water cruiser, I would not recommend this type of installation. If an underwater object is struck it could tear a hole in the bottom before the heavy transducer shaft breaks off, leaving a hole in the bottom. This transducer is pointed on both ends depending on the manufacturer.

The second choice is to mount the transducer inside the aft section of the boat hull through the use of epoxy, plastic box, bubble or bait well. The problem, if you are lucky, none. If you happen to hit a spot in the hull where there is an air bubble in-between the fiberglass layers, the readings will appear as static marks throughout the paper. If there is a live bait well the transducer can be clamped inside temporarily and the readout can be checked without much work. Ideally this is the safest installation for preventing leaks. In my case, I purchased a bubble (a half round sphere) to ensure a vertical installation, silicon caulking and three bottles of mineral oil. After some planning, a little work, and $18 down the bilge, I received black spots all over the chart indicating that shooting through the hull at that spot was not for me. Anyone want to buy a used bubble? If the transducer is going to be epoxied to the hull, find out ahead of time about the feasibility of removing it as transducers cost around $60. Any shape here will do, but some manufacturers offer a round one for this type of installation.

The third and probably the most practical installation is on the transom. This poses the difficult situation of not having the correct transducer shape to match that of the hull at the transom below the water line. Examine the outside shape of the transom for planing strakes or horizontal flat contours. If the strakes measure less than the width of an available transducer or if the entire hull is at an angle, as likely with a deep-V hull, the transducer shape should have a pointed front edge. If the only available shape is blunt or flat at the front, the space between the hull and the transducer will have to be filled and contoured into a



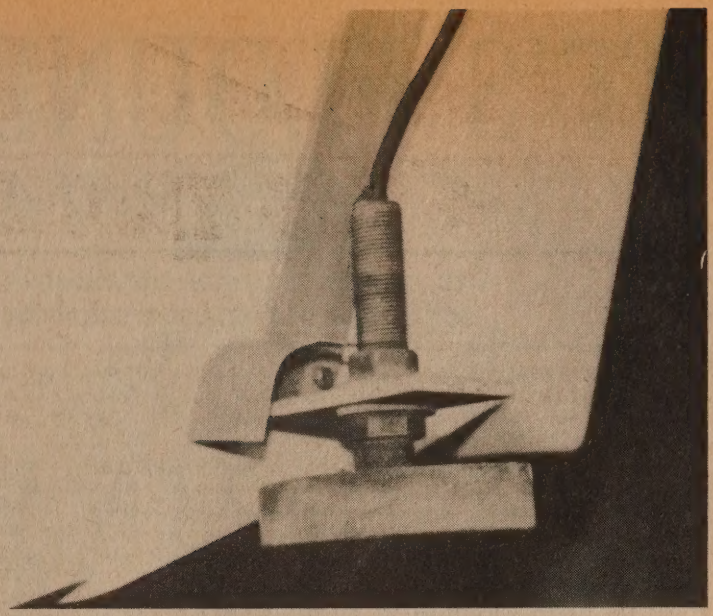
Various shapes of transducers are offered by depth-sounder manufacturers. The transducer must be tuned or matched to the unit you are using. The transducer shape should make for a smooth flowing water line to reduce drag and interference from turbulent water. This causes static and poor reception from the sounder unit. Photo by Newt Lewis.

smooth flowing shape to eliminate drag and water spraying in all directions. Many manufacturers offer a combination shape—one end pointed, the other flat. Either end can be pointed at the transom depending on the hull configuration.

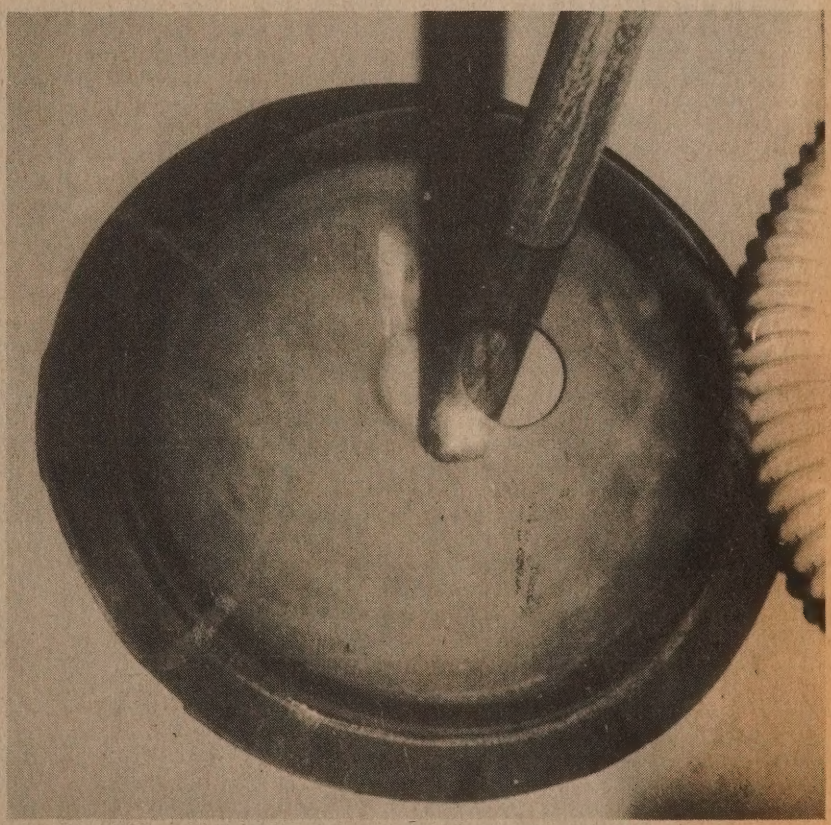
One photo shows a through hull transducer, but mounted on the transom with a customized bracket. As the transducer must be vertical or plumb, the port side is flush with the bottom of the hull on an extended line of the bottom; thus causing the starboard side of the transducer to be well below the flow of water off the bottom of the hull. Deep-V hulls without wide planing strakes often pose this problem. Many installation directions cover only the simple curved or flat bottom hulls leaving much to the imagination of the installer. The curved plate in the photo was added to the port side to deflect spray off the motor.

Transom brackets should be available from the depth finder manufacturers to match their transducers at additional costs. In fact, some manufacturers sell the transducer separately, like buying a car without an engine. Transducers are not interchangeable between manufacturers as they must match the set they are tuned for. With your boat on plane, look over the transom and observe how the water flows off the hull. Ideally, the transducer must be flush with this water line, out of air bubbles, and perpendicular to the water line. I had one sales representative tell me I could mount the transducer anywhere below the water line on the transom. He was referring to the at-rest water line, which, of course, would leave the transducer high and dry at any speed. Needless to say his credibility dropped with me at this point. The more known about a product before purchasing, the more consumer conscience you become. Obtain literature and specifications from the manufacturers of the units that interest you. This will serve a twofold purpose: comparison of specifications and model number. Manufacturers change units as advancements are made. Assuming the literature is up-to-date, model numbers will ensure you obtain the latest model regardless of where the unit is purchased. Discounts are readily available, so shop around for your needs using the model number to ensure fresh equipment. All things being equal, I purchased my flasher-recorder from a manufacturer in New Hampshire considering that I could always take a trip north if I had serious trouble. Since my purchase, they have discontinued this model for lack of sales, or so I was told by the customer service office. It seems that there is more demand for separate units rather than the combination machines.

By this time you should have enough information to select a unit(s). Next I will take up the installation of the units.



A plastic bubble sealed to the bottom of the hull with G.E. Silicone sealer. Two holes must be drilled: one for the transducer shaft; the other to add the liquid. The liquid hole can be drilled for, and plugged with a standard boat drain plug. A solid hull is needed to obtain clear reception. Photo by Newt Lewis.



Through hull transducer mounted on a Deep-V transom with a custom made bracket. With a combination blunt and pointed end transducer the end pointing forward depends on the shape of the hull at the point of installation. In this installation the left edge has to be flush with the water off the bottom, therefore, the right edge is well below the water line. This arrangement caused a large rooster tail which sprayed the motor. The curved plate was added to deflect this spray and works well. The height of the transducer is adjusted by the two lock nuts seen on the shaft. A change in the height can help alter a rooster rail. Photo by Newt Lewis.

IT'S FLOUNDER TIME

by Matt Ahern

Our resident sinker bouncer is quick to share some of his flatfishing secrets with Fisherman readers.

As I guided my rental skiff north from Reynold's Channel into the mouth of Island Park's Schaeffer's Creek, I cut its outboard power to mere headway. Sight checks gradually brought me over a piece of bottom I knew from previous experience to be productive for early March flounder fishing. I cut the engine and when the skiff lost momentum, I gently lowered the anchor. As the skiff settled, I hurriedly opened a jar of previously shucked mussels. Chilled fingers threaded one on each of the two flounder hooks.

I lowered the rig and mentally congratulated my fortunate selection of this beautiful, bright, windless morning. Since mid-December, when I had reluctantly put away rod and reel to await this particular day, I had fumed and fretted over a much too long winter. Now all that was behind me and, like all fishermen, I wondered if my luck would continue to hold.

As I awaited the answer, I crushed several whole mussels under foot and dribbled them piecemeal overside. A half-hour passed. No action. I reeled in the rig, rebaited with fresher mussel, lowered it once again to bottom and waited some more. Finally, in my desire to find faster action, I was about ready to commit the cardinal sin of many fishermen: impatience.

I had just about decided to move farther into the creek when I felt the familiar, gentle tugging. I set the hook with a quick, short lift of the rod tip. It immediately arched and bounced wildly as the startled flounder tried desperately to regain the safety of the bottom. After a short, spirited scrap, I lifted a mud-streaked one pound March flounder into the skiff. My first of the year! I knew

A properly fished mussel bait is poison on flounder.

then, calendar or no calendar, spring had arrived.

Quickly rebaiting, I once again lowered the rig and as I took in the slack, hooked another scrappy flounder. Then came a double-header and another single. As the tide approached low water slack, fishing moved gradually to a halt.

Taking advantage of the lull which I hoped would be only temporary, I stomped more mussels and tossed them overboard, wolfed a sandwich, gulped some Thermos coffee, and warmed my chilled fingers. Less than a half-hour later, I had more flounder coming. For some unknown reason, however, these fish seemed only interested in a moving bait. Changing my tactics, I commenced to bottom-bounce the sinker and once more was into fish.

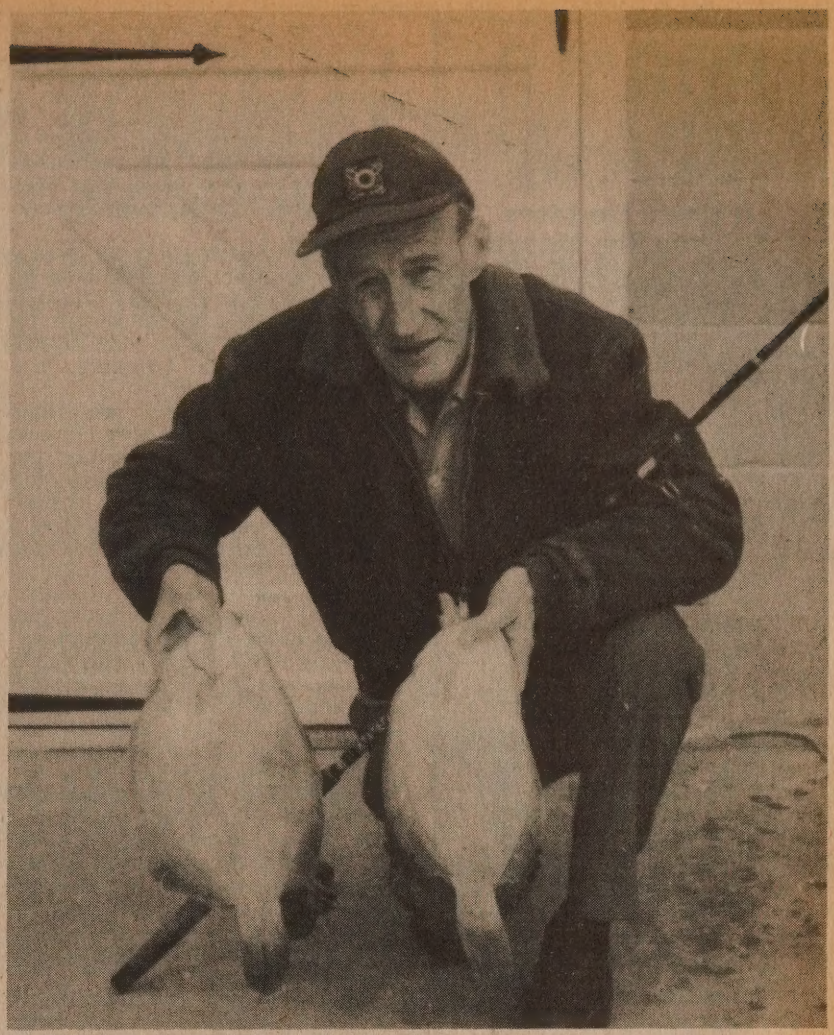
This type of fishing went on most of the morning and when quitting time arrived, 30 flounder from one-half to one pound apiece were in the bucket. I had returned as many smaller ones.

Those fish I kept were thin, as are all early-run flounder. They had been hungry and catching them was not much of a problem. The long-awaited trip had been successful. But the best part was I knew that as the season progressed, more and more larger flounder would reward my efforts.

Nick Hauck once remarked that since so many people fish for flounder they must be the most popular fish in local waters. I certainly find that true enough. From early March to mid-May, and from October into December, thousands of fishermen ply their efforts on Long Island's waters, all searching for this gourmet's delight. Their activities are well rewarded as hundreds of thousands of these scrappy flatfish are taken each year. In fact, when fishermen become skilled in the art, it is indeed difficult at times not to catch flounder. However, though the flounder is a willing biter, it isn't a "pushover." Certain knowledge must be acquired and intelligently put into practice.

Unless you try for flounder out Montauk way, most of those caught locally will average about a half to three-quarters of a pound. Some writers of flounder articles will tell you the average flounder will go one pound. Maybe so; but I've never found this to be true—except, as I say, when you fish Montauk's fish-producing waters.

Now, this being so, there is no point in using heavy tackle. For the most enjoyable flounder fishing, all tackle should be scaled down to the lightest possible. An ideal flounder outfit is a light spinning rig, complete with matching reel filled with six to eight pound test good quality monofilament line. Some fellows enjoy using four pound stuff, but depending upon where you fish, there's always a chance of nailing an outsized blackfish. If this happens, you'll be glad for that extra strength line. As for sinker weight, this is no problem. A two ounce bank sinker will suffice. Should you be fishing an area where more than this weight is required, better think about finding a more sheltered area for your flounder fishing. You'll find your best flounder results are from those areas which are quiet and secluded and having a minimum of tidal current. Forget those areas which contain swift currents and much boat activity whenever possible.



This pair of big Shinnecock Bay flatties succumbed to the author's favorite early spring bait—mussels.

You'll find that most information on terminal tackle requirements for flounder fishing recommends the use of two #9 or #10 Chestertown hooks. These are good, of course, and they've been around a long time—in fact, I recall using them over 50 years ago. The Chestertown's best feature is its long shank which makes hook removal easier—especially of those deeply embedded. This nuisance is common when flounder fishing, but I'll tell you right now there would be less of this if fishermen would be strict about paying attention to what goes on down below. You cannot fish for flounder and have your mind a million miles away. Nine out of ten times this is the reason for all those deeply swallowed hooks.

Though I used Chestertown hooks in the long ago, I haven't used one in over 40 years—maybe longer! I now use only a #6 regular shanked Sproat. If ever there was a suicide hook for flounder, this is it. Without fail.

This light, but strong hook works wonders on the larger, more suspicious flounder. An advantage, too, is the ease with which it can be hidden in the bait. On occasion, it, too, will be taken deeply (you see I don't always pay attention, either), but it isn't difficult to remove if you grasp the fish securely in one hand and twist the snell around the index finger of the other hand and give the hook a sharp tug. Out it comes. If it is bent out of line, it is a simple matter to press back into shape against any hard object. I would say that I have difficulty removing this small hook about once in a thousand fish, and this is probably caused by the hook snagged in bone somewhere.

But don't give up your Chestertown hooks on my say-so; what works for me may not necessarily work for you. However, should the opportunity arise, try a couple of the shorter shanked hooks. You may never go back to those long-shanked Chestertowns again.

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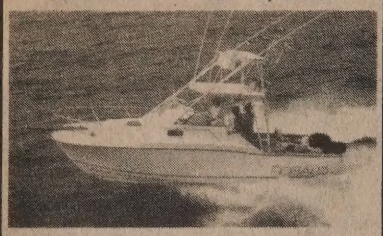

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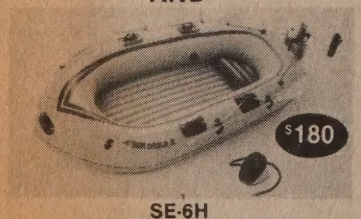

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Flounder bite delicately and must be felt for by periodically lifting the rod. This action not only attracts flounder but causes them to snap at the bait, whereupon all that is required is a quick lift of the rod to jaw-hook the fish. As mentioned before, if this rod-lifting is done more often, there will be fewer deeply-hooked fish.

Because flounder are not predatory, they do not chase bait as do fluke, weaks, and blues. Our flat friend is strictly a bottom-feeding creature, seldom rising more than a few inches for food. Therefore, your bait must be there, too.

To assure this, your two hooks should be tied tandem-style. This is easily accomplished by bending the snell of one hook at its middle, and passing this fold through the knotted loop of the second hook. This second hook is then passed through the fold, drawn up tightly, and secured with a common overhand knot. It isn't necessary to place the completed rig the usual two inches above the sinker. Simply tie on a 2/0 to 4/0 snap swivel (or sinker snap) to the end of the main line and place hooks and sinker together. Works fine...especially so on those windy days when gusts wrap hooks about the main line.

Fortunately for us fishermen, flounder willingly accept a variety of baits. Two of the favorites, of course, are blood and sandworm. They deserve their popularity, but there are times (especially when the water is cold in the early part of the season) when other baits will do a better job. Clam, for instance.

I think I've caught more flounder on soft clam (steamers) than any other bait. This is followed by fresh skimmer and hard clam (chowder size), in that order. The main consideration is that these baits be free of salt when purchased. I dig my own soft clams, but I do purchase skimmer and hard clam. If these are commercially packaged for bait, I make sure they contain **no** salt. If they do, I won't buy them. Period. In fact, I won't even take them as a gift! I find that lately, fresh skimmer is becoming more and more difficult to find; therefore, it will pay any fisherman to look for a supply of fresh skimmer if he wishes to garner his share of the fish.

But right now—this time of the year—nothing works as well as the lowly bank mussel. It truly reigns supreme. Whether used in a chum pot, on the hook, or scattered about the boat as in Schaeffer's Creek, nothing beats mussel. True, it can be difficult to keep on the hook—especially when casting from shore—but its advantages and ability to put flounder in the bucket cannot be denied when used in early spring.

It is certainly true that flounder have small mouths, and it is this fact that causes many fishermen to come home with small fish. Most of these disappointed fishermen cannot get it through their heads that, small mouth or no small mouth, flounder can and do take surprisingly large baits for their size. Any decent-sized flounder is capable of swallowing a bait 1½ inches long. In fact, it is only the small fish which look with favor upon small baits. I never use a flounder bait smaller than 1½ inches in length, be it worm or clam: If you use clam, just be sure it is cut into thin, narrow strips—about the thickness of a bloodworm is about right. And—most important—be sure to allow about one-third of an inch of your bait to wiggle in the current. Run that hook right through several times and then allow the point and barb to protrude. Don't worry—flounder never notice and it assures easier hookng. The important thing is that you have a bit of bait wiggling at the end of the hook.

The veteran flounder fisherman has many tricks in his tackle bag. If one method doesn't produce, he will fall back on another until he reaches one that works.

Perhaps a red or yellow-painted sinker will turn the trick. Perhaps red or yellow-dyed clam bait is just what the doctor ordered. Or a combination bait of worm and clam. How about a bit of bottom bouncing? Pounding bottom with a sashweight to get the mud-covered goodies into the current is another good trick. Perhaps dragging the anchor with the outboard for muscle will stir those lazy fish. Drifting? Any or all of these may work at any given time. The experienced fisherman knows all these methods and more, and will put them, or some variation, to use whenever necessary. This is one reason he is likely to return with fish when others fail.

Which all leads to this: If you are not sure of getting your share of the fish this spring, there are several things you can do.

Read up on the subject, gathering all information and put it to use—or much better—latch on to an experienced fisherman and observe his methods, pay undivided attention when he talks, listen, ask questions—never fail to do that. A real fisherman will always help out a beginner if he is approached in a proper manner. Don't be embarrassed to say you don't know. Be as a little child. It pays. I know.

Even better I think is to take a trip on a party boat. Here is where you will always meet other fishermen willing to help. It is the quickest and surest way of learning the fundamentals—the fundamentals you will need when you decide you have had enough fuming and fretting over winter, when an early March morning looks just right and you know "it's flounder time!"

(Incidentally, if you wish to use those #6 Sproat hooks and are having difficulty locating them, send a card to Midland Tackle Company, 66 Route 17, Sloatsburg, New York 10974 and request a free catalog. Lots of goodies, hooks, snelling material, etc.)

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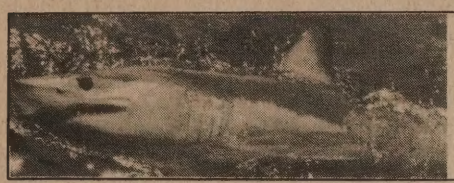

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WRITE IT DOWN NOW!

by Al Ristori

Keeping a detailed record of each fishing trip will help keep those past trips in perspective

Over the years I've been amazed by the fact that very few sport fishermen (even some avid anglers) maintain accurate records of their fishing. I've done so since the time I started saltwater fishing as a youngster, and the mass of notebooks accumulated over the years has proven to be a treasure of both factual material and nostalgia—as well as a spur to a memory which may tend to build up those catches of the past.

I'm really not sure why I started keeping fishing records. My first experiences were with freshwater panfish of the most minute sizes, and I have no record of them—though I'll never forget that outlandish 7¼ inch sunfish (about twice the size of anything else I'd caught with my bamboo pole in Camman's Pond, Merrick) which, unfortunately, failed to register on the bathroom scale. I suppose it was the thrill of making my first saltwater expedition in a boat that led me to start a record book. No matter that it was only a rowboat towed into the bay at Freeport—or that we caught only a few blowfish rather than the princely winter flounder we were seeking. For a kid from a non-fishing middle class family in those post-War years, it was an adventure just to get into a boat of any sort—and there weren't many more opportunities until I reached high school age.

Nevertheless, every fishing trip was dutifully recorded from that day on. Today I can look back on those records and remember bicycle trips to local docks which produced such glorious specimens as toadfish, eels and the very young of all the desirable species. Then there was the trip to Jones Beach with a neighbor when I caught a 10 pound skate—by far the largest fish I'd ever come in contact with. Today, my youngsters and yours have fishing opportunities virtually at their feet which I didn't even fantasize about as a child. Yet, I doubt if any get a greater thrill from their catches than I did from the subminiatures of my youth. And, fortunately, it's all there in the notebooks!

Nostalgia aside, those notebooks can prove very valuable when it comes to the fishing that you do regularly. If you make as many trips as I do, it becomes a bit confusing after awhile when trying to remember tide, wind and other conditions prevailing when a big catch was made at a certain spot. However, the answers should all be in the notebooks—if you've kept them up.

In order to maintain accurate records, it's necessary to discipline yourself to keep track of things as they are happening and to record that information as soon as possible after the trip. It's good mental exercise to count your fish as they're being caught, and not very difficult once you get used to doing it. At the end of a day I can tell you exactly what I've caught, size ranges, and baits or lures used—and I'll also have a pretty good idea of what the others aboard have caught. I never expected to make my living as an outdoor writer but, as it's turned out, my practice of counting fish and keeping track of everything occurring during a day's fishing has proven very valuable.

Fishermen are notorious for exaggerating their catches and, I suppose, that's harmless enough in most cases. However, it certainly isn't proper in those cases where there is a commercial gain to be achieved or in outdoor writing. I remember one former cod skipper on Long Island who couldn't resist the temptation to look even better. On every occasion that I sailed with him, the catch reported in the fishing columns was double that which I had observed. That sort of thing may be taken for granted, but it

NOTEBOOK ENTRY

Date: Monday, September 6, 1976

Place: Montauk, Long Island

Catch: 23 Fluke, 4 Common Dogfish and 1 Sand Dab

Size: Fluke—4 of 14-15 inches, 7 of 15-16 inches,
10 of 2-4 pounds and two of 5 and 9½ pounds
Dogfish—about 6-10 pounds
Sand Dab—about 14 inches

Bait: Smelt—9 Fluke
Squid—2 Fluke
Bunker Strip—12 Fluke, 4 Dogfish, 1 Sand Dab

Notes: Went out in Mako 22 at 2:00PM during ebb tide. Northwest wind about 20 m.p.h. Rough in rips but fluke hit at Midway as tide slacked. Got biggest fish on fillets from fresh bunkers kept on ice overnight. Got involved with the dogfish when I stayed on drift into deep water. Released all the small fluke. Wind dropped down as tide slacked but picked back up to 25 NW on the change. Tried inside on beginning of flood but it was too rough and I didn't get any hits.

means that honest captains look like poorer fishermen—or everyone starts exaggerating the catch in similar fashion.

The value of accurate records in outdoor writing is even more important. Many of my friends and associates kid me about my fish counting and detailed record keeping, but I pride myself on writing articles which are accurate in every detail. If you do as much fishing as I do, times, places, conditions and catches can start getting mixed up in your mind—and those records serve to both clear up the confusion and keep me honest. A case in point involves a trip to Manitoba made a couple of years ago. I accompanied a fellow outdoor writer who, though experienced in the area, made some bad guesses about the weather. Instead of "shirt-sleeve" weather we were faced with snow, sleet, rain and cold winds. The movement of big pike into the shallows was delayed, though I enjoyed excellent fishing for northerns up to 16½ pounds while wearing every bit of clothing I had brought with me. My buddy spent half of the trip in his cabin and wasn't on hand for the several occasions of outstanding fishing for pike in the 10-18 pound class. Furthermore, he derided my fish counting and record keeping—insisting that he was interested only in reporting a "quality experience." Therefore, I couldn't believe my eyes when I read his piece in a major national publication in which he claimed to have caught over 100 pike on a fly rod (he caught two!) up to sizes bigger than anyone in the camp hooked that week. I'm not sure whether he was just making up a good story or if flights of fancy had overcome reality, but I sure hope he takes up record keeping before all outdoor writers are tainted with a lack of credibility.

The only thing you need in order to keep accurate records (in addition to pen and notebook) is a good scale. The average angler tends to wildly exaggerate the size of the fish he catches, often just because his eye isn't trained to the task. However, after weighing enough specimens of a given species, you'll be able to "eyeball" them with great accuracy. Carrying the scale with you also means that it isn't necessary to keep a fish that you would otherwise release just in order to get a weight. Carry an accurate, non-rusting scale with a large hook (which makes it easy to weigh a fish without harming him) and get used to working with it. I've hauled Chatillon scales (up to 150 pounds capacity) over a good part of the world with me and have been able to record accurate weights in situations where it would otherwise have been impossible.

One of the peripheral benefits of record keeping is the opportunity to compete with yourself. Some fishermen live for fishing competitions and others think they have no place in fishing. However, everyone should enjoy competing with themselves—constantly striving to catch more and bigger fish of each species. With hundreds of varieties to choose from, there is no reason to ever run out of challenges. Indeed, this is one of the great values of our sport. It's cerebral as well as physical, and we should get better as we grow older.

There are very detailed fishing logs which can be purchased and these are all well and good. On the other hand, you can use an ordinary notebook and record the essential facts in any manner that's convenient to you. The accompanying illustration is a copy of an actual day from one of my yearly notebooks. That serves my purpose, though it may not be exactly what you'd like to do. In any case, don't set up a system that is too complicated or time consuming, because that will result in the putting-off of this "chore." My actual notebooks are scribbled in an almost indecipherable printing, rather than being neatly typed out. Nevertheless, the information is as readily available to me in that form as the typed page would be.

Record keeping may seem like a lot of work until you get into it, but the dividends it will pay over the years in both improved fishing results and personal satisfaction make it well worthwhile. Besides that, you may just find that it's not so bad being a truthful angler!

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KNOWING THE MOON: KEY TO SURF SUCCESS

by D.W. Anthony

Understanding the role of the moon and its effect on surf fishing can give you an edge in the suds.

I wish I had a dollar for every instance when I've picked up a newspaper fishing column or a fishing magazine and read an article in which the author tries to pump me up because the full moon is approaching. A typical account might be: "The full moon will be this Saturday and striped bass enthusiasts will be out in large numbers because they know that their chances for success will now be better." Perhaps some of you agree with that credo, but for me the full moon itself has never held much value.

Now don't misunderstand! The moon is perhaps the single most profoundly influencing factor on fishing. Its effects are varied and without the moon saltwater fishing as we know it just wouldn't exist. However, it is rare that there is anything special about the night of the full moon. In fact, it has been my experience that if there is anything special about the full moon night, it is that I catch fewer fish. Heresy! Perhaps I am suggesting an idea in full violation of what is all-holy in surf fishing, but that has been my collective experience. Sure, there are exceptions, but it is more likely that a good run of fish will slow down or cease for a few nights of the full moon. Cloud cover can save the day—or night in this case; but even then productivity for me is usually down.

Why, then, does the fishing community go berserk and heighten its promotion of fishing around the full moon? The moon period does improve fishing often because tides will be increasing as we get closer to the full moon. Therefore, baitfish that have been hiding in nooks and crannies above the sweep of the tide can no longer hold those positions as both the range of the tide and the force of the tide increase towards the full moon. In addition, the higher tides may sweep plant material, crabs, and other organic materials off the sod banks or the higher portions of the sand beach thus adding more food to the tide. The added food may draw large predators into areas where they might otherwise not linger and it may cause them to cluster in places where the tide eddies and swirls, thus providing a convenient place for game

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The moon's effect on surf fishing can vary from area to area. This surfman parlayed his lunar knowledge into a fine striper.

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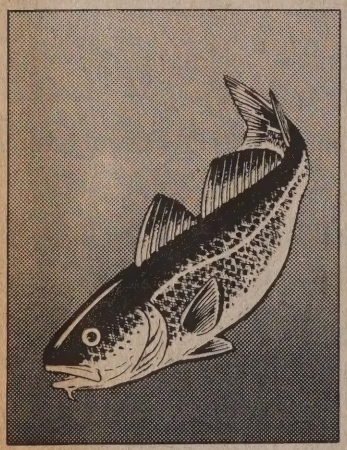

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fish to ambush bait. Therefore, it is rather easy to understand that changing tidal patterns can change the feeding pattern of fish as well as their diurnal swimming patterns. These positive changes may also stimulate feeding frenzies, if conditions are right!

The up side, or down side of the full moon cycle may also offer an opportunity to fish in water that holds an abundance of small microscopic creatures, called dinoflagellates, that cause "fire" or "phosphorous." Whatever you call it, it is that green glow in the water at night when something passes through the water and disturbs these tiny critters. Each one of these small life forms contains two chemicals called luciferan and luciferase. When the beasts are disturbed the two chemicals mix and produce what scientists refer to as a cold biological light. It is the same light that is produced by fireflies! In any event, the green glow can really mess up otherwise good fishing. If the "fire" is light, it may have no effect on the fishing and in fact, can enhance the fishing. However, generally speaking, as the level of "fire" increases, the quality of the fishing declines until it may reach the point where the fish totally shy off feeding in the green soup. Here's where the bright moon can really help. This cold biological light is inhibited by light. Therefore, these critters do not produce their light in the daytime and they may be partially or totally inhibited from producing the light at night if the moon is bright enough. The bright moon also reduces the contrast between the dark of night and the green glow of the beasts thus reducing the impact of the "fire" on any fish in the area.

One may find, therefore, that surf fishermen in some locations may appear to come out of the woodwork around the full moon. If you check, you may find that these are areas where the "fire" is usually a regular problem. However, even in such locations the positive effects of the moon on "fire" may diminish on the night of the full moon. You'll likely find die-hards out there fishing anyway, although if you question them, most will admit that their expectations for a successful night of fishing are less than what they had been a few nights earlier.

So, the moon may help our fishing by pulling food from high beach places and it can "kill the fire," thus permitting good fishing when there otherwise might be poor fishing. How else can the moon help? Does the moon have a magical effect on life on earth? Can the moon evoke in living things a renewed activity and lust for life as some have suggested? There are those, some scientists included, who insist that the moon exerts emotional effects upon us and produces behavioral changes in all life. Of course, these beliefs go back to the ancient notion that if a person gazed at the moon for too long they would go crazy; hence the term "lunacy!" However, most thinking people discount the possibility of any supernatural or direct effect on our behavior. However, there appears to be good evidence that the moon and a host of other natural factors for that matter, can indirectly effect our behavior and our moods. The indirect connections might be gravity, the change in available light, atmospheric pressure changes, varying effects on the earth's rotation and orbit, etc., etc. We do not fully understand how these factors work, but most agree there is a connection. Scientists tell us that more primitive forms of animal life are more sensitive to small changes in environmental factors. They point out that animals can sense an earthquake coming long before man is aware of it. Scientists believe that heightened awareness to subtle changes in the environment are part of an animal's adaptation to survival. Apparently, man has lost much of his instincts for subtle sensing survival because of his evolution of superior intelligence. Thus, it may be true that fish, and in fact, all life in the sea, is affected in some significant way by the change in moon phase.

So far we have talked only about the full moon period. Much the same type of comments could be offered in description of the new moon period. Again the force and range of the tide increases, but there is no bright light and, therefore, the new moon is usually the darkest part of the month and "fire" related fishing problems can become severe. Otherwise, fishing may improve around the new moon too. Better fishing may occur for more than a week before, during, and shortly after the new moon.

On the other hand, if we accept my premise that the night of the full moon is not the best fishing night of the full moon period, then we can recognize that the full moon period can be divided into two distinct periods: the up side of the moon and the down side. It has been my experience in talking to many fishermen, that there does not seem to be a universal law regarding when the best fishing will occur. Instead, there seem to be local patterns and a particular spot may, year in and year out, be a better producer on the down side, while another spot is a better and consistent producer on the up side. I cannot offer a magical formula here, but I do suggest that you experiment with a few spots, keep careful and detailed records and then after a few years review your log and a pattern may emerge. Often the difference between one side of the moon and the other is subtle, so do not trust to memory. Analyze your information. Some spots are not consistent producers on either side of the moon. One year the good fishing may be on the up side and another year, the down side. Therefore a detailed log and hard fishing are really the best ways to uncover patterns or a lack of a pattern. Remember that knowing

there is no pattern is almost as useful as knowing that there is a pattern.

Perhaps the greatest impact of the moon on fishing is the changes in tidal flow that are produced by the moon in its various stages. The moon does not circle the earth in a perfectly circular orbit. Instead the orbit is a flattened circle called an ellipse. One part of the ellipse comes closer to the earth and is called the perigee of the orbit, while the opposite end is the highest point of the orbit and is called the apogee. The moon orbits the earth in roughly 28 days, therefore, in one month the moon will hit its perigee, apogee, and all points in-between. Don't be confused because we see the moon rise and set each night. The rising and setting is only an apparent motion caused by the rotation of the earth.

Gravity is related to mass and distance. Therefore, the greater the mass of an object, the more it will pull on other objects, and the closer it is to other objects the more it will pull on them. So, when the moon is at the perigee of its orbit its mass will pull on the earth more than when the moon is farther away. Therefore, when the moon gets closer the pull on the oceans increases. Remember that the ground isn't too flexible and can't respond too much to the gravity of the moon, although scientists tell us that the earth's crust does give a little in response to the gravitational pull of the moon. However, it is the oceans that easily change their shape and bulge toward the moon each time the earth rotates under it.

Actually, the tides race across the oceans at about 18,000 mph. Of course, we do not sense that speed because the molecules of water aren't moving at all; or very much. The tide is a bulge or wave of water and not a stream of water. The tide has a very different effect and appearance when it operates close to shore in the same way that a gentle ocean roll behaves differently when it crashes on the beach. Close to shore the water must move around, in, out, and over structures and this produces currents and it is the current that we perceive as the tide. The tidal changes cause life to move around in the sea and this movement helps create the patterns of feeding and daily movements that we associate with saltwater fish.

In summary, we've discussed four main effects of the moon on surf fishing. One was the change in range and force of the tide. Second was the subtle effect on the behavior of simpler animals in response to different amounts of light and gravity. Third, the light of the moon can kill "fire" or be so bright that fish shy out of the shallows. Fourth, the changing patterns of the tide within the month and from month to month sets up predictable responses in fish.

Perhaps all this helps to clarify our understanding of the role of the moon on surf fishing, and then again perhaps it doesn't. If you're like me you fish all the time anyway just because you love it!

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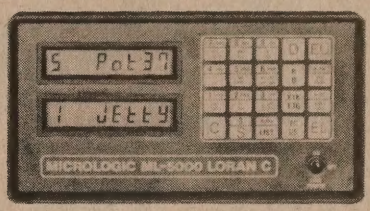

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WHERE THERE'S A WILL...

by Sidney Ornstein

This article is addressed to all those devoted fishing people, who, through some unfortunate and unkind act of fate, have been deprived of the use of a hand, arm, leg or limb or any part thereof, causing them to give up hope of ever going fishing again. NOT SO! Quoting our mutual good friend Matt Ahern, "I kid you not" when I say "You can do it."

To start, you have to educate the people in your life. Make people aware of your disability and your desire to participate in the sport. It's always a good idea to get the okay from your doctor, particularly if you have been disabled in any way by a stroke. Fishing people are the most understanding in the world; their love of the outdoors, nature, and their willingness to share with kindred souls, makes for a unique bond of brotherly love and affection. I have found fellow anglers always only too willing to share the joys of their sport. There are those, too, who are blessed with the patience and understanding needed to share with you the difficulties you will have to overcome.

Believing in yourself is a big first step and it starts with self-pride. You must feel on the same level as others, not beneath them because of some handicap. Simply say to yourself, "I'm worth it" and go ahead from there.

My involvement began in a Veteran's hospital, while visiting a friend. The halls were full of men doing nothing; some in wheel chairs, some with walking aids, etc. "If they could only learn to cast a plug," the challenge would stimulate them into movement and motion, I remember thinking. Not long after, I returned. Walking through the corridors with a bunch of rods and reels in need of repair brought forth shouts from the patients, "When are we going fishing?"

The most stimulating suggestion came from one quadraplegic in an electric wheelchair controlled by a chin plate after he was told a fishing rod holder would be fastened to his chair, someone would cast out the line for him into the pond, and then place the rod in the holder on his chair. When a fish hit, he was to shout "fish on" and someone would come and wind it in for him. His answer was, "Like hell they will. I'll put the chair in reverse and drag the son-of-a-gun out." Those were not his exact words. With a spirit like that, how could anyone refuse to try and do something for him.

A short rod was built, rod holders were made: one to place by the shore and one to go on the chair. But sadly, the constant attention this fine man required, was not available. Since then, many sleepless nights were mine, but to him alone belongs the "thank yous" from all the veterans and people who have enjoyed this recreational therapy.

People all over, and manufacturers, at my request, donated rods, reels and fishing equipment and things started to happen.

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Newspaper articles, AARP write-ups, letters from people in hospitals, wives asking me to visit their husbands to possibly stimulate their interest. Many letters have been received asking about electric fishing reels and if anyone has any info on the subject, I would greatly appreciate them forwarding it to me, care of The Fisherman.

Imagination and creativity are the keynotes to finding solutions to each individual's needs. A young man, approximately 17, lost the use of his left arm from the elbow, to and including the fingers, in a car accident. Equipment he already owned was a Mitchell 300 reel with a medium action spinning rod. For bank fishing, I suggested two wide leather belts, and a piece of aluminum tubing from a beach chair 14 inches long. We changed to a closed face spinning reel with thumb brake in the rear. The tubing held the rod firmly with the reel handle facing forward.

Procedure: Holding the belt by the end without the buckle, lift the left arm up high enough to let the belt, which is swung around the body in a wide right hand swing, comes around with the buckle in front. It is held against the body by the left arm while the right hand grabs the buckle, inserts the strap, tightens up, and puts the pin in the hole. With practice, it is a simple procedure—for I was the demonstrator.

The second strap goes on in similar fashion three or four inches lower on the body and the tube is pressed between the body and the straps in line with the center of the right leg.

For rowboat fishing, a leg clamp similar to a tree climber's iron with the point removed, two straps riveted to the tube: one below the knee, the other above the ankle. A large C-clamp with the tube fastened to the gunwale will also do the job. Any of you readers who can relay successful solutions to other cases are urged to pass them along.

All of those lucky anglers blessed with good health are in a position to do some much needed good. The formation of an LIF Helpers Club to help design some apparatus for needy, disabled fishermen will reopen the door for someone who is feeling mighty low. Again, contact me if you're interested.

In the same fashion that the space program developed new material to benefit mankind, so, too, would the search to develop new equipment for the handicapped by you be established.

The old Garcia Corp. used to make a harness to hold a fly rod. A new model handle, like a ball and socket type, would simplify reeling in.

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These gentlemen are chairmen for Masonic Fishing contests and have access to Masonic Lodges in our area.

Over the years, and they are many (call me grandpa), I have come to enjoy the close friendship of many dedicated people, but more important, I have witnessed the joy of accomplishment on the faces of some very proud and brave people.

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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WILD GOLDFISH

HOOK BASICS

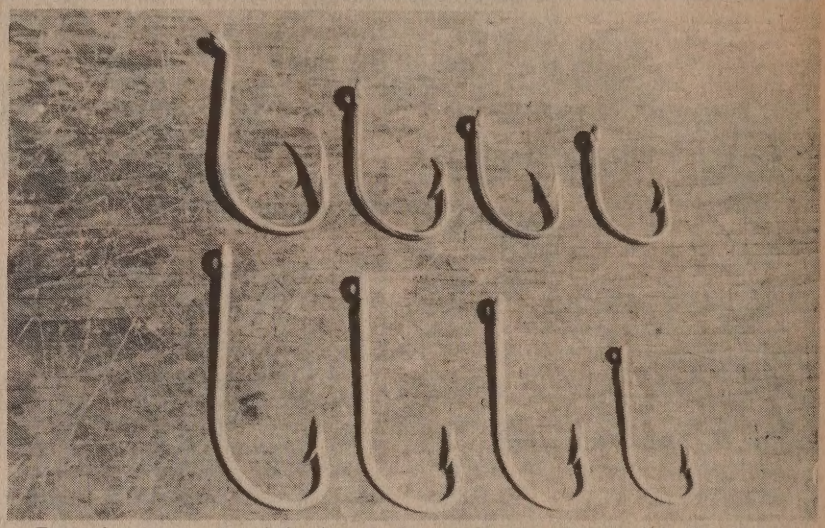
by Brion Babbitt

A look at the background, sizes and types of hooks.

It's amazing how often the direct link between angler and fish—the fishhook—is overlooked or otherwise taken for granted. A thorough appreciation of hook design, use and limitations is of paramount importance to across the board successful fishing.

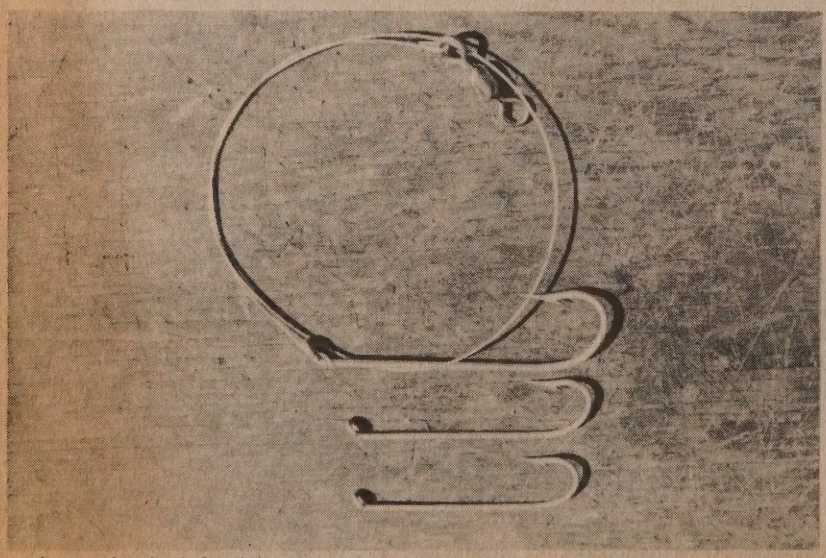
Since there is no all-purpose hook and requirements vary with the target species and the tackle employed, selection of the proper hook dictates much more than a cavalier approach to the problem. Careful choice of the right hook is every bit as important as choosing the right rod, reel or any other part of the fisherman's arsenal.

Hooks are available in a staggering multitude of shapes and sizes, however, all serve a common purpose: to effectively penetrate fishy flesh and to maintain their structural integrity throughout the ensuing battle, thus bringing the quarry successfully to gaff or net. But as fish and angling methods differ, so must hooks, often in subtle ways not fully understood by many. In a sense, appreciating the nuances may be "basic."



Forged pattern, top left, has become popular with some live-liners though short shank style remains the favorite for most live-lining situations. Below are O'Shaughnessy hooks, probably the best all-around design.

Let's start with their origin. Hooks are manufactured from metal wire consisting of high carbon or stainless steel or nickel alloys. High carbon and stainless steel hooks are formed while soft and later annealed and hardened by heat treatment and tempering. Final tempering not only ensures hook strength but builds in some flexibility so that a hook has some "give" and won't snap like peanut brittle on sharp impact. Nickel alloys—for reasons known only to metallurgists—are not as amenable to heat treatment so they must be formed in a harder state without the benefit of final tempering. Thus nickel alloy hooks tend to be weaker than the high carbon and stainless steels. On the plus side, though, nickel alloys are about as corrosion-resistant as hooks get—not a trivial matter in saltwater use. The coup de grace in hook manufacture is some type of surface treatment such as plating or bronzing. Hooks coated with cadmium, nickel or gold are commonplace. The angler unconcerned with plating durability or maximum corrosion-resistance can choose based on color—some believe brightly finished hooks to be an added attractant while others shy away, favoring the less conspicuous darker hues such as bronzed finished hooks.



Long shanked Carlisle hooks provide an extra measure of safety with toothy fish. Ease of retraction is an added benefit.

Plating of hooks with corrosion-resistant metals helps improve hook life and durability but isn't a panacea. In fact, breaks in the plating due to point sharpening and unseen pin holes in the coating actually accelerate the corrosion process in much the same way that an auto bumper rusts faster once the chrome armor has been pierced.

Now that we've had an overview of the materials of construction and manufacture, let's move on to hook anatomy. Beginning at the hook point, many variations exist; there are long needle points, short wedgy points, rolled-in or beak points, offset points and others. Point configuration is crucial to the matter at hand—fast, effective penetration and holding via the barb. Long, slow tapered points

usually penetrate faster than do short wedgy points. Unfortunately, with hard mouthed species, long points also tend to dull quicker and must be sunk deeper to bury the barb which is further from the point tip. Long pointed hooks are probably best typified by the Siwash or the well accepted Pacific Salmon hook.

As far as holding power, longer points get the nod. Tough battlers and aerobatically inclined fish simply have a more difficult time throwing longer barbs. On the other hand, short barbs drive home quickly and with less applied force, but are more easily dislodged. Thus, if you were chasing a fish such as a tarpon a compromise would be needed since the tarpon is both iron-jawed and a characteristic leaper.

Rolled-in or beak points have gained wide acceptance, especially among the bait fishing fraternity. Overall, the beak point has no decided advantage over the straight point (other than for bait holding purposes) when it comes to hooking and holding. But beak point hooks do seem to be sharper off the shelf and this may account for some of their popularity. Although sharpening of beak points will be more difficult compared to straight points, this situation can be ameliorated by use of a curved stone or file.

Offset points are those which when viewed from the top of the hook with the eye towards the viewer, bend either to the right or the left; if to the right then the point is known as kirbed, if to the left then it's called reversed. The basis for the use of offset points is that a bait stealing gamester is less apt to be lost at hook setting by holding the hook flat in its mouth. A flat hook may presumably allow the fish to escape unscathed. Offset hooks are pretty much limited to bait fishing situations since they tend to spin when drawn through the water, unless of course the offering is desired to spin.

Whatever your hook point configuration, make sure the point is very sharp. The amount of pressure applied at the point by average spinning tackle when setting the hook in a fish's mouth is much less than you might imagine—only a few pounds force at most. So to ensure fast, sound hook-ups, pay close attention to your hook points. A few moments with each hook and a file is time well spent.

The hook bend is one of the more distinguishing features of a hook, in fact, often giving a hook its name such as Virginia, Chestertown, O'Shaughnessy, etc. But the bend is much more important from a practical standpoint. After the point and barb have done their job in penetration and holding, the action shifts largely to the bend for the remainder of the struggle. It's here that hook design can be so important in preventing failure. Other factors which are part of the holding story are wire size and shape and shank length.

The easiest way to prevent a hook from opening under the stress of a fighting fish is to beef up the wire; that is, use thicker wire. This sounds simple enough but the ramifications aren't always taken into consideration. Heavier wire hooks penetrate less readily than thinner ones, are more obtrusive, can be almost impossible to bury with light tackle and shouldn't be used with delicate live baits. However, heavier wire won't tear a hole in soft tissues the way a light wire hook tends to "buttonhole" flesh during an arduous fight.

The alternatives to going heavier are designing the hook bend so that it is asymmetric (the Siwash is a good example of a symmetrical U-bend) and forging. An asymmetric bend is harder to spring open than a symmetrical hook bend. Forging increases a hook's resistance to bending open by about one-fifth. A forged hook is one which is flattened along its sides, thereby increasing the wire cross section in the plane of the bend. This increase in cross section lowers the chances of a hook opening up but also weakens the hook laterally. Forged hooks can twist open with greater facility, however, this isn't a major pitfall under actual conditions. Most big game hooks are forged of necessity, as are many styles used on smaller inshore fish.

As mentioned, shank length contributes to or detracts from overall strength. Shorter shanks give fish less leverage in springing open a hook, that's why big game hooks are much shorter than those used on smaller species. Moreover, short shank hooks are easy to hide in bait when wary fish are the quarry. For livelining, short shanks are absolutely the only way to go—long shanks are totally inappropriate for live eels, bunker, herring and the like.

But long shank hooks have their niche. Venerable hooks like the Carlisle and Chestertown are very well suited for sharp-toothed lightweights and winter flounder, respectively. Ease of retraction of long shanked hooks is a distinct advantage, more so when fishing for winter flounder which often swallow baits deeply.

Finally, we come to the end of the hook's anatomy, the eye. Requirements here are less critical although it is desirable that the eye (if ringed) has no large gap at the shank and that the eye be smooth. Big game hooks usually have their eye brazed shut or have a needle eye for optimal strength. Small game hook eyes may be in-line with the shank or turned up or down depending on the pattern and the desired line of pull. Snelling also demands an eye which is turned up or down.

So there are the important concepts to bear in mind when selecting a hook. Remember, hooks must be kept keen to perform—no matter what the hook type—and the tackle must be balanced to the hook.

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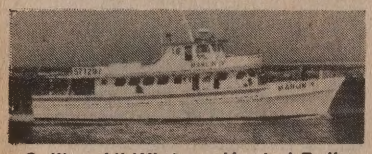

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East End REPORT

with Bob Lee

Bad weather kept most of the cod fishing boats tied to the docks this week. The foul weather also put a crimp in flounder fishing. Those fishermen who did manage to get a day out did excellent on both cod and spring flounder. If the weather holds fishing on the east end should really open up.

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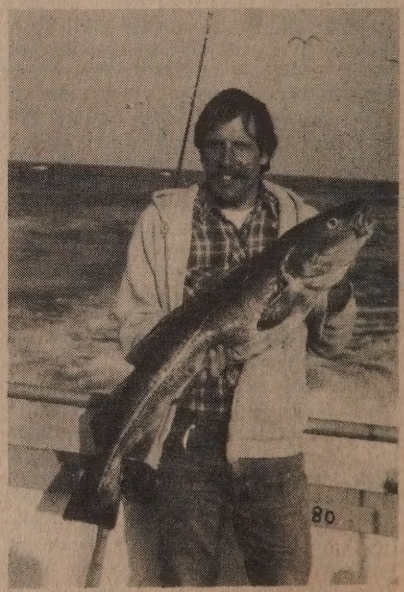
Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Montauk** based **Viking Fleet** reports that Sunday saw excellent codfishing at the Cartwright grounds, with 250 cod being hauled over the rails. Billy Unouch of Flushing was the pool winner with a 22 pounder. Most of the fish were in the 4 to 12 pound range.

Capt. Gerry McGrath, skipper of the **Montauk** charter boat **Nostalgia II** tells us he will be sailing out of Mattituck starting April 8 to May 6. The Nostalgia will change ports to Montauk starting May 7. Capt. McGrath expects another big year.

Capt. John DeMaio, skipper of the charter boat **Vivienne** reports excellent codfishing weather permitting. Capt. DeMaio sailed Friday with 3 fares and took 102 cod in just a few hours. Half the cod were caught on



Larry Tresham shows off his pool winning 30 lb. cod taken at Montauk's CIA Grounds aboard the "Viking Starship" back in February.

The Jastrzebski party with a catch of 11 stripers up to 24 lbs. taken on Ava jigs aboard the Montauk charter boat "Vivienne" last fall.

jigs and tubes while the rest were taken on clam bait. Seven pounds was the average size.

SOUTH FORK

Capt. Artie Lach of the **Sag Harbor** open boat **Wilhelric** reports that a super run of big flounder passed through the Shinnecock Canal two weeks ago. Draggers are pounding these fish at Peconic and around Gardiners Island. Capt. Latch said it looks like it will be an early season. Word has it that the pin hookers are doing a number on flounder around Sag Harbor. The Wilhelric will start sailing Saturday, March 19. Call Friday nights for the latest updates.

Thom Speck of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton** reports the only action right now is at the Shinnecock Canal and in the bay on the east side of Heady Creek. Four fellows from the Bronx took 35 flounders from ¾ to 1½ pounds on a falling tide using blood worms. They found most of the action in the canal at Heady Creek.

Shinnecock Canal has some good flounder action when the locks are closed. Thom said the flounder action looks good for St. Patty's Day, the unoficial opening of the flounder season. Thom also tells us that he has all the bait and tackle at his store for successful flounder trips.

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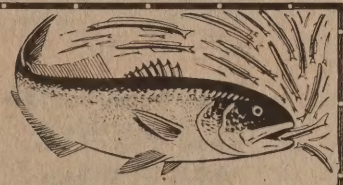

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South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

After last weekend's auspicious beginning to the flounder season, there's no doubt that a multitude of flatfish fans, not to mention the scores of boat livery owners, tackle shop owners and open boat captains, were frustrated by this past week's barrage of rain, wind and cold. Reports during the week were virtually non-existent and of the weekend, only Sunday provided hungry anglers with an opportunity to jump on the flounder bandwagon. And at that, only if one had a boat big enough or lacked brains enough to tackle the gale force winds which raked the Island.

Despite all of the rotten weather, **Great South Bay** flounder didn't seem any worse for wear if most reports from the **Captree** open boat fleet are any indication, but more on this later.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Moriches Bay boat liveries were completely knocked out of the picture this past week and weekend for obvious reasons. Larry over at **L&M Marine Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** told me that lots of people showed up with Sunday's sunny skies but he had no choice except to send them back home due to the gale force winds which whipped the Bay's surface to a froth.

Prior to all the bad weather, indications were that bigger fish were located in the west end of the Quogue Canal at buoys 52 and 54 and out in

The Al Siter party had 14 cod between 30 and 47 lbs. among their catch on last year's charter at Montauk aboard the "Blue Fin IV."

Fifteen-year-old Drew Rigano of Montauk hefts the 41 lb. striper he boated on a white tube last November aboard his dad's charter boat, Lori Jay.

the Bay around buoys 42 and 44, this according to Al Lassen of **Hi Way Fishing Station in East Moriches.** He added that smaller fish seemed to predominate at buoy 7A and noted that it will probably take a couple of nice days before the fishing returns to normal.

Jim DeVita of **Skidmore's Fishing Station**, went back to last Sunday for evidence of better quality fish in the Bay. One angler returned from the 25' hole east of buoy 44 with 40 big but lean flounder taken on mussels and clams. Jim asked that we inform his customers that the station will be in full swing by this weekend.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Already enthused about the upcoming season, Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle in Patchogue** told of weighing in a 5.1 lb. largemouth bass for Kevin Hetzel of Sayville. Kevin took his prize out of Patchogue's Mill Pond on a plastic worm. (A reminder that the season in Suffolk County closed as of March 15th. It will reopen the first Saturday in June.) Paul also spoke of real good white perch action in Tuttle's Creek with night crawlers, small jigs and grass shrimp taking these fish. Of the local flounder action, fishing was off to a fast start before the bad weather set in. Fish were good size and the best action seemed to be concentrated between Bayport and Barrett Beach.

John "Rod" DiGiacomo of **J&R Sport Center in Oakdale** had reports that despite a week of foul weather, the flatfishing between buoy 1 (Islip) and buoy 4 (Heckscher) bounced right back on windy Sunday. Most of these early fish are big with worms, clams and mussels all accounting for fish. He added that either chumming or stirring the bottom will greatly improve your score. For freshwater fans, a few nice trout in the 12-14 inch range are mixed with hordes of 5-6

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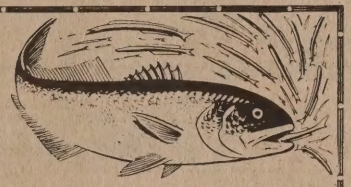
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inch fish in Bubbles Falls and Rattlesnake Creek. Action in Connetquot Park has been off but some nice brown trout have been taken since the March 2 opening.

The **Captree** open boat fleet seemed to have a corner on the flatfish market during Sunday's gale after a week of inactivity.

Captain Rod Westerlind of the **capt. Rod** was one of two boats that sailed on Saturday on addition to Sunday. He reported a better score on Saturday than on Sunday when the East Bay produced picky action. A move to the west off of Islip resulted in better fishing but not to match last weekend's results in this skipper's opinion.

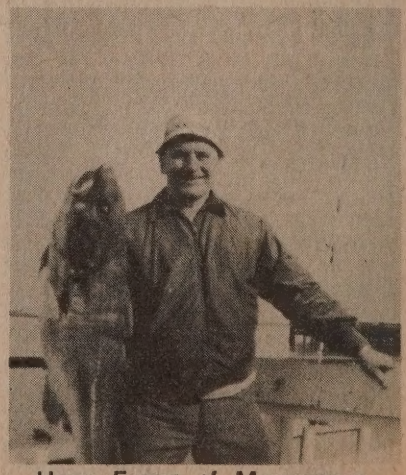
Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** was satisfied with Sunday's action in Islip-Heckscher area where fares averaged 6-12 flatties a man. Most were in the 3/4 to 1½ lb. range, but larger fish are mixed in. Pool fish have been in the 2 lb. class. The skipper noted that water temperature was down a bit from last weekend and added that the fish bit best on the last of the flood.

The **Jib VI**, skippered by Capt. Carl Passero, sailed Sunday for the first time since last weekend with excellent results considering the condition. Seven fares accounted for 175 flatties with Richie Schreiber of West Islip hi-hook with 37 fish to 2 lbs.

Anna Hunsinger of Glendale copped the pool with a 2.14 lb. flattie. Fishing was done on sthe Heckscher Flats and off of Bayberry Point, Islip. The **Jib VI** is now sailing daily, full days, at 8AM.

A very good report, despite the wind, was also filed by the **Capt. Ben Litwin** on Sunday. Working the Heckscher Park grounds produced 37 flatties, including a 2 lb. pool fish, for Silviyo Sevecich.

Captain Dan Juettner of the **Capt. Dan** was more than satisfied with Sunday's fishing under far from ideal conditions. Fares averages 15 flatties apiece in the Heckscher area. He was



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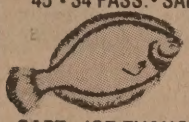

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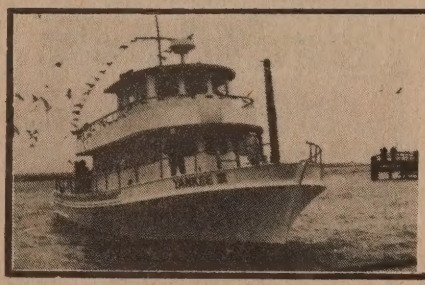

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even more enthused about Monday morning's action. Speaking via the marine operator, Dan informed me that they had the flatties flying and it appeared as if they were headed for a banner day. Heckscher was again the scene of the action.

Ski Kochanski of **Augie's Bait and Tackle in Babylon** had only one report to pass along after a week of intolerable weather. On Windy Sunday, Paul Jansen and friends Ed and George anchored up between buoy 7 and the Captree Bridge on the Babylon clam flats and put away 42 "big but thin" flatties on sand worms and clams.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Flounder have begun to make their presence known to boat and pier fishermen in this area, despite the unfavorable conditions of the week which churned up the bottom.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

The report out of **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** is that Mike Sommers of Sand Point took 15 flatties from 1-1½ lbs. in the rain on Tursday on worm, bait and corn chum at Massapequa Cove. Just a few days before 27 flounder from 3/4 to 1½ lbs. were boated by Joe Dugan and Don Geraci between the 2nd and 3rd bridges in Great Island channel. None of the aforementioned fish had any mud on them.

Also on Tuesday, we heard from Scott at **Merrick Tackle** Ed Ferritt aboard his Libra II had a good catch of flounder, with some in the 2 lb. range at Squaw Island on mussel and mussel chum.

Swinging over to Freeport a call from the **Super Spray II** advises that starting Saturday the boat will commence its program of 2 flounder trips daily. See ad for details.

Although codfishing was termed relatively poor for Thursday's fishing, due to a churned up bottom and the presence of the Canadian Navy, Friday's action was very good according to skipper Billy Lindroth. High hook was 10 cod and low hook was 5 cod with all fish between 10 and 18 lbs. Action was south of Cholera, anchored up.

Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** which has been in the shipyard for a few days for routine maintenance and Coast Guard inspection expects to be back in the water

this Saturday to resume the daily codfishing trip sailing at 5AM.

A call from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** advised that Saturday, March 26 will have both boats starting the season for flounder.

A solid catch of flatties was made by Larry Izzo of **Mako Marina**. Larry socked it to 24 flounder, 16 of which were over 2 lbs. in the State Channel off Wantagh Sunday. Mussel as hook bait along with clam chum and batting clams did the trick on a flooding tide. Down in Pt. Lookout we learned from Capt. Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout** that the week was mostly blown out, but nonetheless on Friday's afternoon trip, Harold Ewald took the pool with a 1¾ lber. while on Sunday morning's trip Gen Treu grabbed the pool with a fish of similar size. The boat has been working the back and Reynolds Channel. Although the catches have been picky, fish are nice sized. Big fish but no numbers. The ebb tide has been best this week and Ron says prospects for this weekend look very good. Flounder have been taken by baymen in Swift Creek, Scow Creek and the flats says Ed Wardell of **Ed's Fishing Staion**. Anglers are also getting some of the Long Beach jetty and from private boats and docks, so the flounder are definitely here and in strong numbers. Ed has boats in the water and is ready to roll. The scoop from Charlie Beckman at **Beckman's Tackle** in Lynbrook is that a lot of flounder have been taken by customers who fished the Jones Beach pier and Magnolia Blvd. pier in Long Beach on the weekend. Catches were up to 20 fish a man, and ran 3/4 to 1 pound on worm and mussel. Those fishing from boats did a good job in the creeks off Reynolds Channel, on both tides, with incoming best.

NEW YORK BIGHT

The word from Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** is that Debs' Inlet buoy 5 area seems to have been the hotspot through Sunday for flounder with fish averaging 1 lb., hitting

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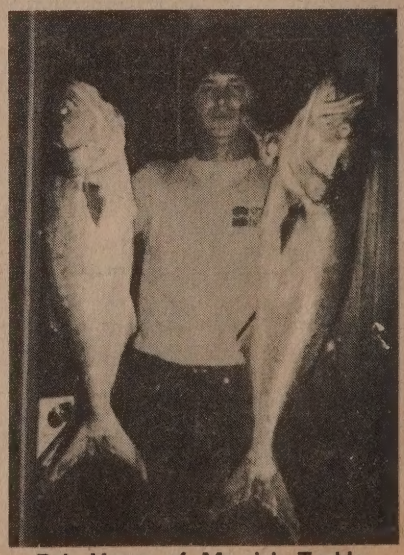
Flounder are also being caught off the North and South channel bridges in Jamaica Bay according to Vi at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle**, on sand and bloodworms and on mussels. The flounder action out of Sheepshead Bay according to Capt. Tom of the **Pilot II** was great on Friday. The boat worked the Navesink River. All fish were keepers with all fares catching in the 20s and high hook going 60 fish. Saturday and Sunday saw a fair to decent pick in Jamaica Bay itself for flounder. Fish are hitting mussels and worms. Tom says when conditions are right the Navesink is a flounder pounders heaven.

We hear from **Santo's Tackle Shop** over in Staten Island that flattie fishermen are scoring nicely at Great Kills Harbor, Annandale and Princess Bay on worms.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Despite a washout all last week, anglers resumed the attack on flounder over the weekend, and Sunday was quite good for those who got out of the wind on the western Sound. Hard news is difficult to come by the further east one goes, but some stations will be broadcasting news and selling bait this week in just about every area. Optimism is the rule for the flatties, except in the western Peconics where draggers have been working the Bay and can legally continue to do so until April 1st.



Bob Verga of Merrick Tackle with blues of 17 and 15 lbs. taken last fall at Jones Beach Parking Field #6.

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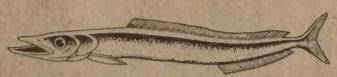

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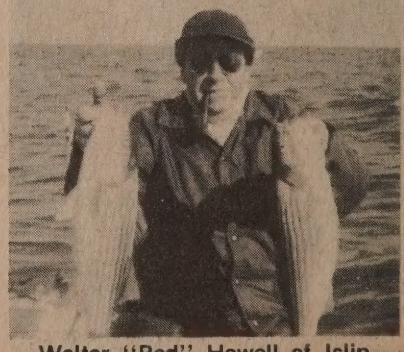
John DeCuffa at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** expects to have boats available before long, but is selling bait right now. He informs us that the Lagoon and Turtle Cove have flatties to around 3/4 pounds.

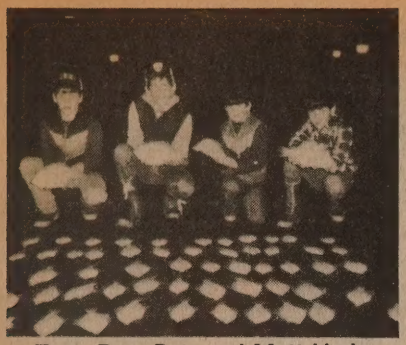
Around **Glen Cove**, flounder catches have been reported from Hempstead Harbor and the Lilco Plant, and there are rumors of fish up in Roosevelt Park. Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** said that Carl Smith's 1 lb. 5 oz. flounder taken from Dosoriss Pond on March 7 is the biggest on record at the shop so far. Smith also had a 1½ lb. white perch with his catch that day. Sandworms and clams are the logical choices for local anglers.

Amon the City Island open boats, Joe Ferrara of the**Ebb Tide** called to say that Sunday's action up in Oyster Bay was torrid with 25-40 keepers per fare. Dom Cerbone also noted fish catches in the 40s aboard the **Apache** and figures that this is definitely not a flash in the pan. Action is in 20 feet of water in the protected bay where, despite the wind, the chop is measured in inches. Ferrara also told us that the **North Star** has been in on the Oyster Bay action for awhile, too. Worms are preferred baits, although some old-timers still swear by mussels. Eighty percent of the fish are 1/2 to 3/4 pound keepers.

The **Klondike** expects to start sailing from New Rochelle next weekend, while Joe Fink will be making his first trip with the **Lady Lil** out of Glen Cove on March 26. Frank Ackley with the **Tarpon**, also from Glen Cove, might try some flounder if called, but he's definitely booking



Walter "Red" Howell of Islip Terrace shows two nice school bass taken off of Eaton's Neck last November. Subscriber photo.



Tom, Dan, Pete and Matt Hyde with 58 of the 85 flounder they caught last December 5th in Lloyd Harbor. Subscriber photo.

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NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Huntington data was hard to come by on a Sunday afternoon, but we hear that **Ronnie's** has been seeing flounder for awhile now. Well stocked on bait, the shop expects to operate full time this week.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** doesn't usually start worryng about Sound flounder until mid-April, but he's contemplating an early start. He's already selling worms and frozen clams.

Among the open boats in the mid-Island zone, Packy Collins' **Ever Ready** which hails from Huntington has a new diesel and a lot of renovations on the cabin to show for her winter rest. Packy feels that the old engine problems are eliminated this season, and expects to start on April 22 with the open boat schedule, four days per week at first. He'll be making a private trip on the 17th to begin his season, however.

John Fisher tells us that the **Aqua Gem** of Port Jefferson has been sold and has now departed for Brooklyn. Fisher expects to do something this summer, and may come on line with a new six passenger charter.

NORTH FORK

Phil Loria expects to open at **Captain Marty's** in New Suffolk this week and has his bait coming in. He feels that the first fish are already in Rose's Grove.

Further west, things are already stirring at the **Port of Egypt** in Southold where a March 19th start is anticipated. Boats will be in the water, and Ace Cottral has a standing order for mussels already.

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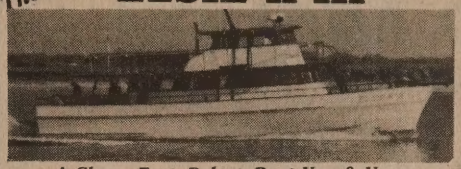

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That suggestion was confirmed in a couple of subsequent calls to Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** and George Porter of the **Brand X.** Porter is working on the big boat now and will be sailing on the first April weekend, while Jensen has his first charter booked for April 3.

Anna May Rainis said that the **Blue Albatross** now sports a few forward deck and a lot of changes that make her look like a different boat. John is shooting for an April 1st start, but he may be going from Greenport a little earlier if the weather proves favorable.

Jerry McGrath called to say that the **Nostalgia** will be taking her first charter out of Peterson's Dock on Mattituck Inlet on April 8th. McGrath, who has special veterans' rates this season, reminds us that the third April week is usually the best for Sound flatties, but that everything seems to be pushed forward so far this season.

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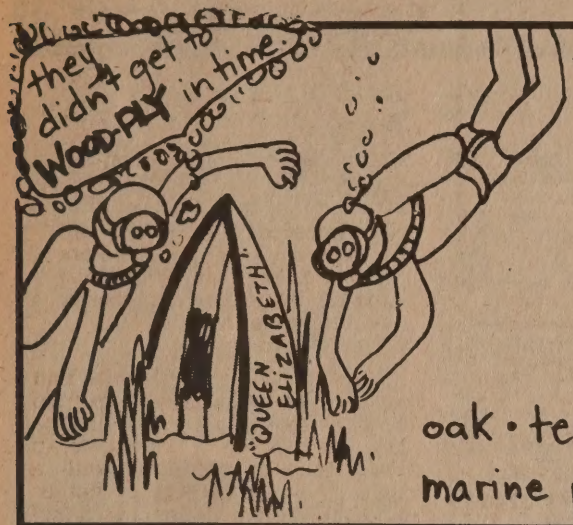

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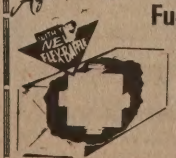

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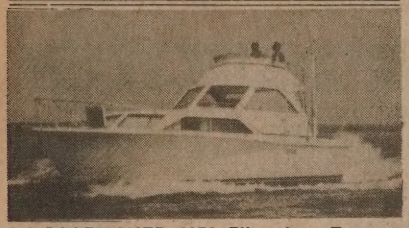

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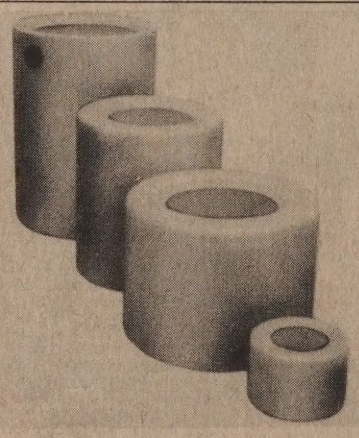

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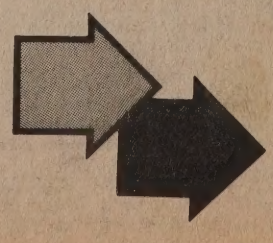

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High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	9:25	9:40	10:10	10:30	9:55	10:15	11:00	11:20	12:15	12:40	12:25	12:50	9:25	9:45	3/17
FRI.	10:05	10:25	10:50	11:10	10:35	10:55	11:40	—	12:55	1:20	1:05	1:30	10:10	10:30	3/18
SAT.	10:55	11:15	11:35	—	11:15	11:45	12:00	12:30	1:40	2:10	1:50	2:20	10:55	11:20	3/19
SUN.	11:45	—	12:00	12:25	—	12:15	12:50	1:25	2:25	3:00	2:35	4:10	11:50	—	3/20
MON.	12:05	12:45	12:55	1:25	12:40	1:15	1:45	2:30	3:20	4:00	3:35	4:15	12:20	12:55	3/21
TUES.	1:10	1:55	2:00	2:35	1:45	2:25	2:50	3:40	4:25	5:10	4:40	5:20	1:25	2:00	3/22
WED.	2:20	3:10	3:10	3:50	2:55	3:45	4:00	4:45	5:35	6:40	5:50	6:30	2:35	3:10	3/23
THURS.	3:35	4:20	4:25	5:00	4:10	4:55	5:10	5:50	7:00	8:10	7:00	7:40	3:40	4:10	3/24

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 3/17	6:10	6:08
FRI. 3/18	6:08	6:09
SAT. 3/19	6:07	6:10
SUN. 3/20	6:05	6:11
MON. 3/21	6:03	6:12
TUE. 3/22	6:02	6:13
WED. 3/23	6:00	6:14

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 3/17	7:49AM	9:12PM
FRI. 3/18	8:17AM	10:19PM
SAT. 3/19	8:49AM	11:27PM
SUN. 3/20	9:27AM	—
MON. 3/21	10:13AM	12:36AM
TUE. 3/22	11:07AM	1:42AM
WED. 3/23	12:10PM	2:42AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
3/14	3/22	3/28	3/6

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	6:50	12:40	7:15	1:00
Fri.	7:40	1:30	8:05	1:50
Sat.	8:30	2:20	9:00	2:45
Sun.	9:25	3:15	9:55	3:40
Mon.	10:25	4:15	10:45	4:30
Tues.	11:25	5:15	11:55	5:45
Wed.	—	6:10	12:20	6:40
Thurs.	12:55	7:05	1:15	7:35

Shane's Outfitting Specials!

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Mfg. List	Special
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Boatlife Bilge Cleaner - Qts.	5.50	**3.35**
Boatlife Boat Cleaner - Qts.	5.50	**3.35**
Boatlife 17oz. Caulking Cart.	7.95	**3.35**
Tip Top Teak Trim Kit	18.50	**11.99**
Tip Top Teak Sealers - Qts.	8.25	**5.49**
Wright Bernett Brush/Mop Kit	12.49	**7.59**
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Model	For Boat Sizes	Mfg. List	Special
4S	Up to 15'	$ 22.00	**10.98**
8S	16' to 24'	42.00	**20.98**
13S	25' to 32'	75.00	**37.98**
22S	35' to 38'	120.00	**59.95**

Ready To Go DuPont 707 Nylon Anchor Lines With Pre-Spliced Thimbles

Size	Mfg. List	Special	Size	Mfg. List	Special
3/8 x 100	$ 35.45	**14.98**	1/2 x 150	95.49	**39.65**
3/8 x 150	50.85	**21.69**	1/2 x 200	121.00	**49.98**
3/8 x 200	66.89	**28.50**	1/2 x 300	186.69	**77.50**

Campbell's Vinyl Coated Anchor Chain

Size	Mfg. List	Special
3/16 x 3'	16.00	**9.99**
1/4 x 6'	27.74	**14.79**
5/16 x 6'	33.47	**17.89**
3/8 x 6'	44.27	**27.69**

U.S. COAST GUARD SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

	Mfg. List	Special
Six Adult AK I Life Preservers In Vinyl Stowage Case (U.S.C.G.A.)	72.45	**38.50**
U.S.C.G.A. Vinyl Cushion White, Blue, Red or Yellow	11.70	**6.49**
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Olin "Locat" 4 Hand Held Flares	18.00	**11.59**
Olin "Alerter" Gun, Three 12 Gauge Flares	24.95	**14.98**
Combo Boat Hook & Paddle	18.85	**9.95**

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DuPont 707 Nylon Tie Lines with Eye Splice at One End

Size	Mfg. List	Special	Size	Mfg. List	Special
3/8 x 15	$ 7.55	**3.35**	1/2 x 30	20.35	**8.98**
3/8 x 25	10.79	**4.79**	5/8 x 25	27.39	**12.25**
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1/2 x 20	14.95	**6.69**			

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Model	Size	Mfg. List	Special
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1022	5½ x 20	10.75	**5.99**
1023	6½ x 23	17.25	**9.49**
1028	8½ x 27	29.25	**15.99**
1024	10½ x 30	41.94	**22.88**

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	Mfg. List	Special
Rule 400 G.P.H. Electric Bilge Pump	27.00	**10.95**
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Rule 3000 G.H.P. Electric Bilge	99.00	**59.95**
Rule 35 Auto Float Switch	22.00	**13.59**
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